

ISSUE 18 PRICE £4

LEEDS UNITED OFFICIAL MATCHDAY MAGAZINE 2012/13

WE ARE LEEDS



TUESDAY JANUARY 1, 3PM
v BOLTON WANDERERS
NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP



We are Leeds!



ENTERPRISE
INSURANCE



macron
TECHNICAL SPORTSWEAR

view21

sportingbet



Monarch.co.uk

TICKET NEWS

HOME GAMES



Birmingham City FA Cup Third Round

Saturday January 5, kick-off 3pm

Category C: prices from £20 adult, £11 under-16s, £16 over-60s

► Tickets now on general sale.

All areas are open except the East Stand Upper, South Stand and the non-Members Family Area in the South East Corner.



Bristol City

Saturday January 19, kick-off 3pm

Category B: prices from £24 adult, £11 under-16s, £19 over-60s

► Tickets now on general sale.



Cardiff City

Saturday February 2, kick-off 12.30pm

Category A: prices from £27 adult, £11 under-16s, £21 over-60s

► Tickets go on sale to Members Monday January 7.

► General sale begins Tuesday January 15.

2012/13 MATCH TICKET PRICES NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

Category	A	B	C
East Family Area (Members Only)*			
Adults	£27	£24	£20
Senior Citizen 60+	£21	£19	£16
Junior under 16	£11	£11	£11
Disabled**	£21	£19	£16
South East Family Area (Non Members)			
Adults	£27	£24	£20
Senior Citizen 60+	£21	£19	£16
Junior under 16	£11	£11	£11
Disabled**	£21	£19	£16
North & South Stands			
Adults	£31	£26	£20
Senior Citizen 60+	£21	£19	£16
Junior under 16	£16	£13	£11
Disabled**	£21	£19	£16
John Charles West & East Central Lower			
Adults/Disabled	£36	£34	£28
East Stand Upper (Open subject to demand)			
Adults	£38	£36	£30
Bremner Suite			
Adults	£40	£38	£32

* A Member can purchase three tickets (must include a junior under-16)

** Designated areas only

AWAY GAMES Members only



Barnsley

Saturday January 12, kick-off 3pm

Ticket allocation approximately 5,000.

► Tickets now on sale online to both Season Ticket Holders and Members.

Ticket prices £25 adult, £17 senior citizen 65-plus/ students (aged 18-20 with NUS card/junior under-18, £7 junior aged 5-11.

Juvenile 5-11 years tickets must be purchased with an adult or over 65 ticket. Students must be aged 18-20 and must present a valid Student card with photo ID. Children under five will not be admitted. Disabled wheelchair/ambulant prices as per above.

Coach travel £16.50 adult, £10.50 concession. Departs from East Stand at 12.30pm.

Half Season Tickets now available!

Starting from the Bristol City fixture on Saturday January 19, 2013.

Adult Season Ticket from £228.60 and Junior from £99.

Contact Ticket Services for further information on 0871 334 1992.

OPENING HOURS

NON MATCHDAYS

Elland Road Superstore Ticket Counters

Monday to Saturday

9am - 5.30pm

Closed on Sundays

West Stand Ticket Office

Counters (day before a home match only)

9am - 5.15pm

Call Centre (Telesales)

Monday to Friday

9am - 5.15pm

Thursday

10.30am - 5.15pm

Saturday

9am - 1pm,

Closed on Sundays

MATCHDAYS

West Stand Ticket Office Counters

All games: 9am - kick-off

Call Centre (Telesales)

3pm kick-off: 9am - 12noon

7.45pm kick-off: 9am - 5.15pm

12noon kick-off: 9am - 10am



Follow us on Twitter for all the very latest Ticket News @LUFCTickets

Book tickets online at www.leedsunited.com, by calling Ticket Services on 0871 334 1992 or buy in person at the

Ticket Office Counters in the Elland Road Superstore. Calls to 0871 numbers cost 9p per minute plus network extras.



CLUB HONOURS

League Champions:

1968/69, 1973/74, 1991/92

Runners-up: 1964/65, 1965/66,

1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72

Division Two Champions:

1923/24, 1963/64, 1989/90

Division Two Runners-up:

1927/28, 1931/32, 1955/56

League One Runners-up: 2009/10

FA Cup Winners: 1972

FA Cup Finalists: 1965, 1970, 1973

League Cup Winners: 1968

League Cup Finalists: 1996

European Cup Finalists: 1975

European Cup-Winners Cup Finalists: 1973

Fairs Cup Winners: 1968, 1971

Fairs Cup Finalists: 1967

FA Charity Shield Winners: 1969, 1992

FA Youth Challenge Cup Winners: 1993, 1997

DIRECTORY

Main Reception	0871 334 1919
Ticket Services	0871 334 1992
Matchday Hospitality	0871 334 1919
Conference & Events	0871 334 1919
Elland Road Superstore	0871 334 1919
Retail Mail Order	0871 334 2019
Football In The Community	0113 367 6307
Match Incident Text Service	0794 636 2117
Disabled Coordinator	0113 367 6178
Billy's Bar	0113 367 6023
Howard's Restaurant	0113 367 6032

Calls to 0871 numbers cost 9p per min + network extras.
To contact our Supporters Liaison Officer please email
sloquestions@leedsunited.com or slocomplaints@
leedsunited.com or write to Laura Bland, SLO,
Elland Road, Leeds United, Leeds LS11 0ES.

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Produced by **Ignition Publications**

Printed by **Buxton Press**

Editorial **Paul Dews**

Production **Neil Jeffries**

Design **Trevor Hartley**

Contributors: **Mike Beddow, Laura Coates, Andrew Dalton, John Devlin, Matt Diamond, Gary Edwards, Steve Firth, Tom Hill, Jon Howe, Thom Kirwin, David Saffer, Tom Stevens, James Willoughby, Phil Woodhouse**

Official club photography **Andrew Varley**

Archives picturestogo.co.uk

To advertise in this programme please contact:

0871 334 1919

To subscribe please contact: **0871 334 1992**
or visit leedsunited.com

To purchase photographs from within the
programme please contact: **0113 367 6521** or
email pictures@leedsunited.com

All editorial content within this programme is the copyright of
Leeds United and can only be used with the club's permission.
The views in this programme don't necessarily reflect those of
Leeds United Football Club.

COVER Leeds United fans (here saluting El-Hadji
Diouf) today we turn the spotlight on you and your
"Why are you Leeds?" answers... on pages 36-70!

LEEDS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB Elland Road, Leeds LS11 0ES

Club Patron **Patricia, Countess of Harewood**

Chairman **Ken Bates**

Directors **Hisham Al-Rayes, Salem Patel, David Haigh, Shaun Harvey,**

Yvonne Allen, Peter Lorimer

Chief Executive Officer **Shaun Harvey**

Managing Director Hospitality and Catering **Norbert Pichler**

Director of Commercial Affairs **Paul Bell**

Ticket Services Manager **Katie Holmes** IT Manager **Mark Broadley**

Financial Controller **Fay Greer** Retail Director **Dan Jeffery**

Head of Media **Paul Dews**

Manager **Neil Warnock** Assistant Manager **Mick Jones**

First Team Coach **Ronnie Jepson**

Technical Director **Gwyn Williams**

Head of Football Administration **Alison Royston**

Head Physio **Harvey Sharman** Development Squad Manager **Neil Redfearn**

Membership **Lorna Tinker** Supporters Liaison Officer **Laura Bland**

Player Liaison Officer **Stix Lockwood**



04 **Chairman**

07 **GFH statement**

09 **Neil Warnock**

10 **Scene Setter**

12 **Paul Green**

19 **Action Replay**

25 **Members Club**

27 **Lucas The Kop Cat**

28 **Noticeboard**

30 **Gary Edwards**

33 **Winston The White**

34 **Whites Fan Man**

36 **Why are you Leeds?**

26-page FANS SPECIAL!

72 **Leeds United Foundation**

74 **A European Tour**

78 **Flashback**

80 **Classic Match**

83 **Thom Kirwin**

84 **Commercial**

86 **Visitors: Bolton Wanderers**

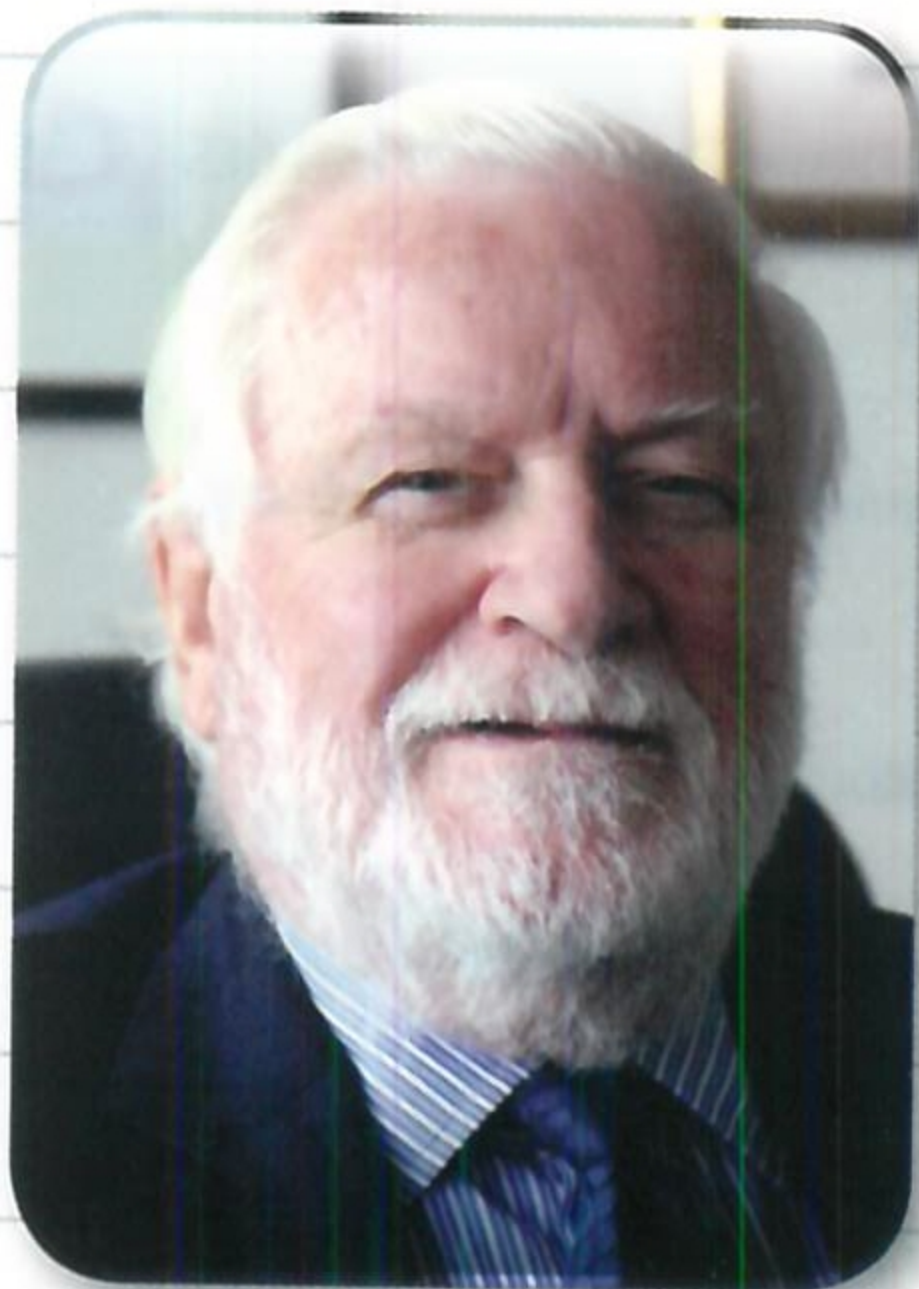
91 **From Thorp Arch**

92 **Leeds On Tour**

95 **Table and Stats**

96 **Fixtures**

98 **Squads**



"Salem Patel has already made it clear that the club will be run on proper business-like lines and is therefore more likely to ensure safe, stable growth as we proceed back to the Premier League"

KEN BATES

LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARDS

So five wins in seven Championship matches sees us in ninth place after the Boxing Day fixture which was a Gulf experience – Kuwait (Nottingham Forest) versus Bahrain (Leeds United) which will add a little spice to the future fixtures between the two clubs.

Due to printing deadlines over the holiday period, of necessity, I am penning these notes before the Hull City game result but hopefully we avoided them doing the double over us.

These are, of course, my first programme notes since the acquisition of the club by GFH Capital so it is perhaps the time to have a respite and prospice moment.

RESPICE (LOOK BACKWARDS)

It was a chance meeting in the Dorchester Hotel bar in London when a mutual acquaintance introduced me to the one Sebastian Sainsbury who was trying to put together a syndicate to take over Leeds United from the Yorkshire Consortium, who were out of their depth.

It was clear that Sainsbury was unable to complete the deal and pulled out which is when my syndicate stepped in on January 21, 2005. We paid off the taxman who withdrew the Winding Up Order and let Leeds United continue in business. With the benefit of hindsight, the club should have been put into Administration the day

after, it would have saved an awful lot of money in unnecessary rents, staff and compensation but as I say, that is with the benefit of hindsight.

The last eight years have been a hard slog with the disappointment of relegation and Play-Offs but much has been achieved and there is much to be proud of, thanks to the hard work of the management team which I have had the honour to lead. Leeds United is not just a football team, it is a way of life and much has been done to develop the wider activities.

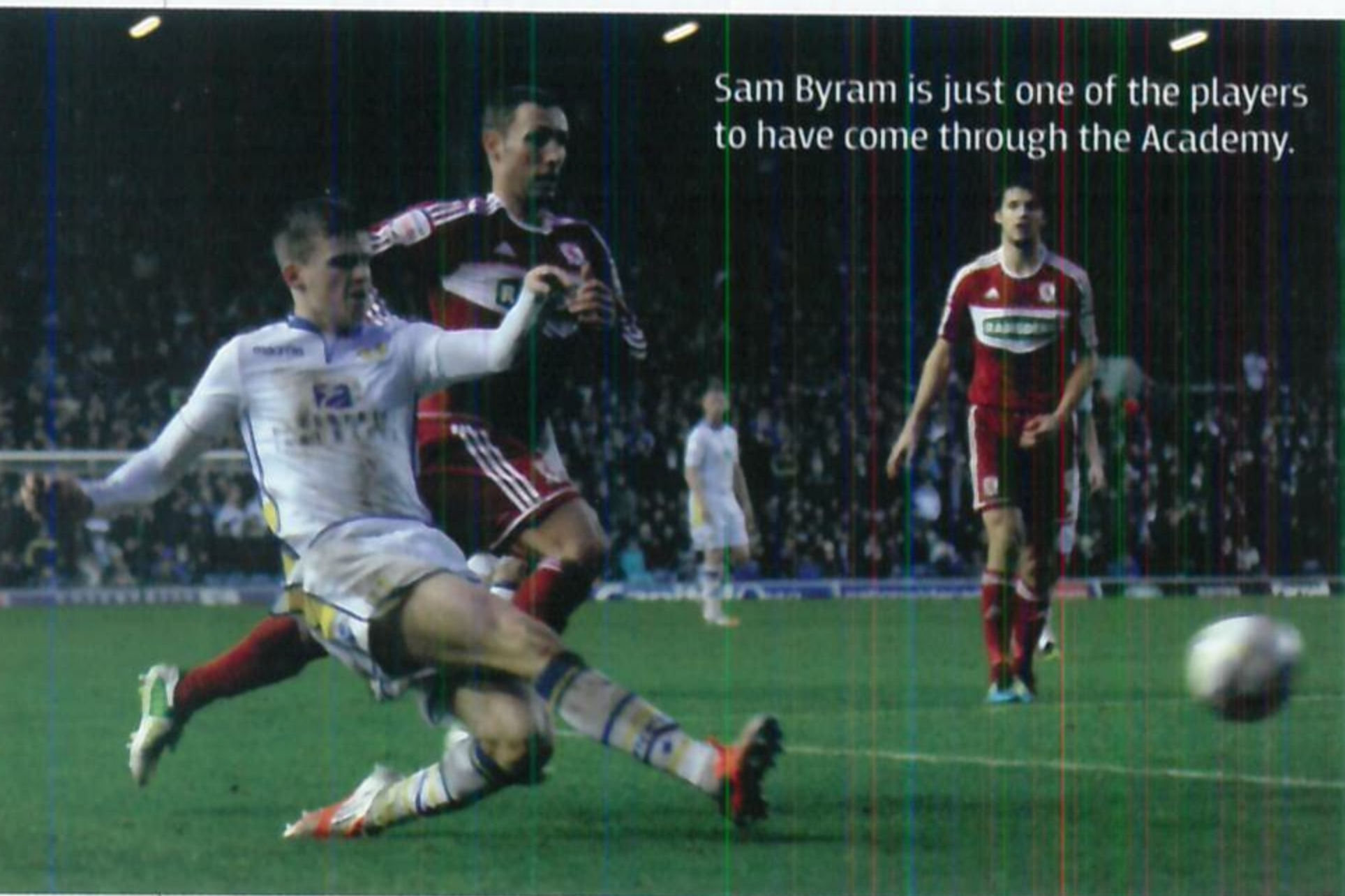
The Members Club is a great success and our chain of official Regional Members Clubs is a most effective way of relating to fans and their concerns, far better than one or two individuals talking to the media. We have our own pub, Billy's Bar, and the Centenary Pavilion is a real "Members club" on matchdays and great for making a considerable contribution to the club's finances the rest of the year. Remember football clubs only open for business about 25 times a year but the bills keep coming in for the whole 365 days.

Then, of course, much has been achieved at Elland Road. In 2005, it was a wreck and a decaying ruin. Today, it is a venue worthy of the Premier League with some of the best facilities in the country. Our Academy has been reorganised and with outstanding staff at Thorp Arch our scouting and coaching facilities are second to none, as can be seen by the number of home grown players in the first-team squad and the match results at lower level. Another innovation is that the Academy is separate from the first-team administration, therefore ensuring that a change of first-team coach does not affect the club's future long-term planning.

PROSPICE (LOOK FORWARD)

Today, we welcome 2013, a New Year and a new era with our new owners GFH Capital, an investment bank based in Dubai, owned by GFH, based in Bahrain.

There has been much written about them and a lot of speculation, some of which was inevitable I suppose, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating and fans would be well advised to get behind the team (which is all that



Sam Byram is just one of the players to have come through the Academy.

matters) and let GFH go about their business behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition.

Amazingly and predictably, they have been bombarded with offers of help from the usual suspects who are anxious to jump on the bandwagon but they know that they have inherited a good management team and are working with that old adage "if it ain't broke, don't mend it". Evolution is better than revolution, it takes a little longer but the results are more beneficial. Salem Patel has already made it clear that the club will be run on proper business-like lines and is therefore more likely to ensure safe, stable growth as we proceed back to the Premier League.

I will also urge fans to ignore the hysteria in the media. Remember Arsène Wenger. Two weeks ago he was yesterday's man, past his sell by date and should ride into the sunset. As I write these notes, Arsenal are in a European Championship place in the Premier League and Wenger is a brilliant visionary whose foresight and long-term planning continues to bear fruit. So please, fans, be in for the long-term ride and get behind the club and GFH and ignore media stories by people who have their own agenda.

Finally, Suzannah and I would like to thank everyone for all the messages, cards and letters of support and appreciation we have received over the years and particularly in the last 12 months who have understood our philosophy and long-term vision.

You are the overwhelming silent majority and we have not been fazed, more amused, by the small but vociferous minority. I would personally like to thank Suzannah for all the hard work she has put in at the Academy to use her experience as a parent of sports-playing sons to relate to our Academy parents and establish a close relationship between the Academy pupils, their parents and Leeds United.

I am also proud of the fact that in the whole of the last eight years I have not taken a penny out of the club and have felt it an honour to have played a part in ensuring the club's future.

I will close with the old joke: "Do you know how to take a small fortune out of a football club? Yes, put a big one in!" Leeds United has certainly proved that!

Suzannah and I hope that you have had a great Christmas, we wish you all an absolutely fantastic New Year with promotion in May and look forward to continuing to meet our many Leeds friends in the coming year.



Proud supporters
of Leeds United

CERAMICA
I M P E X
LIMITED

53 Dolly Lane, Leeds, LS9 7TU
Telephone:- 0113 2481255
Email:- info@ceramicaimpex.co.uk

MONARCH AIRLINES,
DELIGHTED TO BE A
PROUD PARTNER
OF **LEEDS UNITED**
NOW FLYING FROM LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT



Monarch.co.uk



MARCHING ON TOGETHER!

Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to Elland Road for the start of a new year, and what will hopefully be the start of a new era for the football club.

Looking back to the last home game, against Middlesbrough before Christmas, everything was such a whirlwind in the days leading up to that match with the final details of the takeover deal being completed less than 48 hours ahead of the game. We were introduced to the players at Thorp Arch (*pictured*), we met a number of members of staff at the Christmas party, and we held a press conference which was shown live around the world.

The press conference was an opportunity for us to meet the media and answer any questions that they wished to ask, and we felt it was a very rewarding and enjoyable exercise. Naturally, there had been plenty of speculation ahead of the announcement of completion, but the press conference gave us a chance to meet people face-to-face and answer the questions they wanted to ask.

One of the big questions was, not surprisingly, about what backing Neil will have over the coming month now the January transfer window is open. As we stated, we will be giving him our full support in what he wants to do. We have been in constant dialogue with Neil about what he is looking to do during January and, along with Shaun Harvey, we will all be working hard to achieve that.

We also talked about re-engaging with you, the fans, and that is a big priority for us in the coming weeks and months. It's been great to speak with so many of you already. We met a lot of people at the Members Christmas Party after the Middlesbrough game, and we hope to meet

and speak with as many more of you as possible, giving you the chance to tell us your thoughts and for us to answer any questions you may have.

One thing which became apparent to us during December from our conversations with you was the desire for the club to re-introduce a Half-Season Ticket, and we are delighted to say that these are now available with details on pages 2, 10 and 31 in today's programme.

We won't be introducing changes for changes' sake – we believe there is a good business here – but equally we are not frightened of change, and will be looking at everything and assessing if there are areas we feel we can improve upon, or where change is needed.

And, so to today's game as we welcome a Bolton side who were in the Premier League last season. We came through a very tough test against Middlesbrough last time out here, and the game was played out in a fantastic atmosphere with the team and the supporters very much as one. A similar effort today will hopefully see us rewarded with three more points.

In closing, we'd just like to repeat our message of thanks to you all for such a warm welcome and wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous new year as we go Marching On Together into 2013.

Hisham Al-Rayes, Salem Patel and David Haigh



A season is never long enough.
That's why we give you a year.



POUNDS POCKET

Quick & Easy 12-Month Personal Loans

Save
20%

Apply at **www.PoundstoPocket.co.uk** and save 20% on your first scheduled payment with promo code **LEEDS**

Representative 278% APR.

Terms and Conditions apply. All loans are subject to status, credit, and affordability checks prior to approval. Over 18s only.

If you repay the first instalment on the scheduled due date, you will qualify for a 20% discount on that repayment only. Promo code must be redeemed at the time of application, can only be used once and cannot be combined with any other offers.

"I've had numerous conversations with the new owners, and Shaun and I are working hard behind the scenes to bring in one or two new faces"



NEIL WARNOCK

Good afternoon and welcome to Bolton and one of my old players Dougie Freedman, who is in charge.

I'm sure everyone here remembers him after I loaned him to Leeds when I was at Crystal Palace, and I told him what a good club this was. I know he was popular here, as he was at Palace, and I wish him every success. After today's game, of course.

It's been a busy Christmas period for everyone and as I'm writing these notes before the Hull game I can't comment on the result, but I'm still feeling disappointed that we didn't come away with a victory at Forest, despite the scoreline. Talk about shooting ourselves in the foot. I think we gave away every Christmas present we'd got during that game and we had to work really hard to lose it.

But we move on quickly and today's opponents are probably as disappointed with their league position as the other teams that came down, Blackburn and Wolves. All three teams have got excellent squads and I'm sure they'll

all be looking to push on in the second half of the season. But so will we. I've had numerous conversations with the new owners, and Shaun and I are working hard behind the scenes to bring in one or two new faces.

It was nice for young Ryan Hall to formally complete his move from Southend this week. I'm sure during the length of his contract Ryan will have the opportunity to establish himself at this high level, and you can see from his contribution in the game at Huddersfield at the end of November that it's not just experienced players we will be looking for to add to the squad if we feel there are youngsters like him available at the right prices.

It seems to be all hotting up in the Championship with Sean O'Driscoll and Henning Berg both leaving their positions, and it shows what pressure there is on at this level and the expectations that clubs and fans demand.

It's not been an easy half to the season by a long stretch of the imagination and even someone as experienced as me has found it difficult at times, but the players haven't let me down very often and you the fans have been magnificent in your support both home and away.

I would like to thank you deeply and hope that we will be able to mount a stronger push for those top six positions during this second half of the season. To do that, we'll need a bit of luck with our targets but with your support it's true to say that anything is possible.

Last, but by no means least, I'd like to wish you all good health and happiness for the coming year. After all, football is only a game and they are the most important things that you need.





Ryan out to impress

Ryan Hall says he is determined to repay the faith shown in him by manager Neil Warnock by establishing himself at Leeds United.

The 24-year-old former Crystal Palace winger will make his move from Southend United permanent at the start of January and he is determined to make an impression.

Ryan has made five

appearances for the club since joining on loan, but having created two of our four goals at Huddersfield at the end of November and bagged four in the Development Squad's win over Derby the same month, he has already shown glimpses of his promise.

"It's a great club to be at it," said Ryan "I just want to get in the team and show what I can do. When I came on loan the gaffer said it



was a massive chance for me because not everyone gets a chance at a club like this and I said, 'Gaffer, I won't let you down.' He's a great manager, I've always liked him and playing for him and hopefully I can crack on here now.

"It's been a great couple of months here and I just want to get in the team now and try and establish myself. We have some good players here and hopefully I can get in and amongst them.

"This league is a big step

up. You get more time than in League Two and there's more quality, but it's a good place to be."

United go into the new year well placed for a tilt at the promotion places, and Ryan firmly believes the chance is very much there.

"Hopefully we can go up this year, I think we can do it," he added.

"It's a strange league, the results are up and down every week, so there's a chance. There's a great spirit and hopefully we can get driving on."



Half-Season Tickets

Half-Season Tickets are now available to buy. These will run for the final 10 matches of the 2012/13 Championship season, starting with Bristol City on Saturday January 19.

The deadline to apply for a Half-Season Ticket will be Friday January 18, the day before the Bristol City home fixture.

For further details see www.leedsunited.com or the advertisement on page 31.



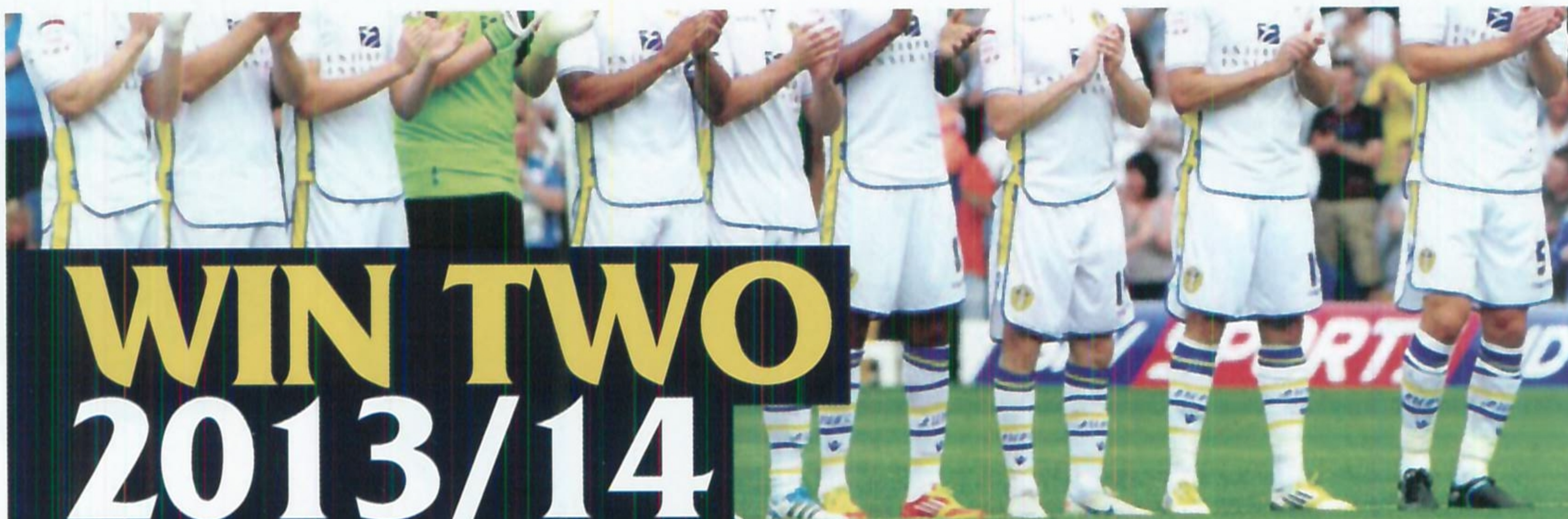
Follow us on Twitter

Are you following Leeds United on Twitter yet? Since launching on the eve of our last home game, almost 20,000 fans are already following @LUFC, the club's official Twitter feed.

The new feed has already brought live coverage of the Press Conference to unveil the club's new owners, all the games over the festive period, and behind the scenes photographs from both Elland Road and our away matches.

The Official Leeds United Twitter account will provide you with all the breaking news first, live matchday updates, direct links to www.leedsunited.com, as well as behind-the-scenes photographs and comment.

Follow us @LUFC and don't forget to follow our other Twitter accounts @LUFCCommercial and @LUFCTickets.



WIN TWO 2013/14 SEASON TICKETS

Collect all 21 vouchers - there's one in every league matchday programme from Hull on September 18 until the end of the season - for your chance to win this fantastic prize!



Terms and Conditions: The draw will be made on the 31st May 2013. If the winner has already purchased their 2013/14 Season Ticket they will be refunded for the amount that has been paid (Offer excludes United for 20 Years ticket holders). No Photocopies accepted. Full details of how to enter will feature in the final home matchday programme of the season. Season Tickets are issued under the Club's terms and conditions and ground regulations. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Offer excludes Leeds United Staff and their families. The total value of the two season tickets not to exceed £1500 and for general admission areas only. The Club's decision is final. You need to collect all vouchers to qualify.



HERE IS VOUCHER 11



Up close and personal with...

PAUL GREEN

BY RICHARD SUTCLIFFE



For someone rejected at the age of 16 for being too small, Paul Green has gone on to scale some major heights in his career.

Three promotions in six years, for instance, is something not too many professionals can point to on their CV. Nor is playing in a European Championships against a team rated by many to be the best the world has ever seen.

Amid those peaks in the shirts of Doncaster Rovers and the Republic of Ireland respectively, the Pontefract-born midfielder has also established a reputation as one of the more reliable performers outside the Premier League to make a mockery of that initial rejection in 1999.

"It was a big blow," admits Greeny to WE ARE LEEDS about being told by Sheffield Wednesday that he didn't have what it takes to become a professional footballer.

"I'd joined Wednesday at 11 but was then released at 16. I was told that they thought I'd got something but was too small.

"I'm sure you can imagine how upset I was but, even at the time, I didn't think that was it in terms of me being able to make it as a footballer."

Paul's refusal to accept the Owls' verdict and attempt to ply his trade elsewhere has, of course, been justified time and time again. Taken on by Doncaster, he initially came under the guidance of the former Leeds duo Glynn and Ian Snodin, in the then Conference club's youth set-up.

Life at Belle Vue may have been very different to Hillsborough but Paul soon blossomed. His first-team debut came in March 2002, and over the next six or so years he was a key part of Doncaster's rapid climb through the divisions.

Back-to-back promotions took Rovers into League One by 2004 and more silverware followed with Johnstone's Paint Trophy success at the Millennium Stadium against Swansea City. That came towards the end of the 2006/07 season and the penalty shoot-out victory in Wales acted as a launchpad for another promotion the following year at Wembley, which as no one in Leeds needs reminding came at our own expense.

"I was lucky enough to have an amazing few years at Doncaster with a few promotions and the Johnstone's Paint win," says the midfielder. "We also had some big

"Doncaster had about 20,000 there and **Leeds more than double that...** As we came out of the tunnel, **you couldn't help but notice** just how big the Leeds support was"

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH...

PAUL GREEN

cup nights at Belle Vue when we beat Aston Villa and Manchester City in the League Cup. We were a few seconds from knocking out Arsenal in the quarter-finals, as well – only for them to equalise in the last minute and then beat us on penalties.

“But I’d have to say the League One Play-Off final was the big highlight for everyone. I didn’t really support any team when I was younger but my missus is a Leeds fan. So the final at Wembley was always going to be a bit special.

“The thing that really stands out from that day is the size of the crowd. Unbelievable, in fact. I have never played in front of so many people.”

To recap, an attendance of 75,132 flocked to Wembley on May 25, 2008, to see the first ever all-Yorkshire Play-Off final. Wembley officials later estimated that two-thirds of the crowd had been Leeds fans, the largest support for one club that the rebuilt stadium had seen.

Greeny recalls: “Doncaster had about 20,000 there and Leeds more than double that, which shows just how big this club is. As we came out of the tunnel, you couldn’t help but notice just how big the Leeds support was. You couldn’t miss it. The noise was incredible, too.

“A lot of teams might have been intimidated to come up against that but it made no difference to us. Once the game gets under way, you don’t take anything but the football in so we managed to blot it out and that day we managed to come out on top.”

Thanks to James Hayter’s 48th minute winner...

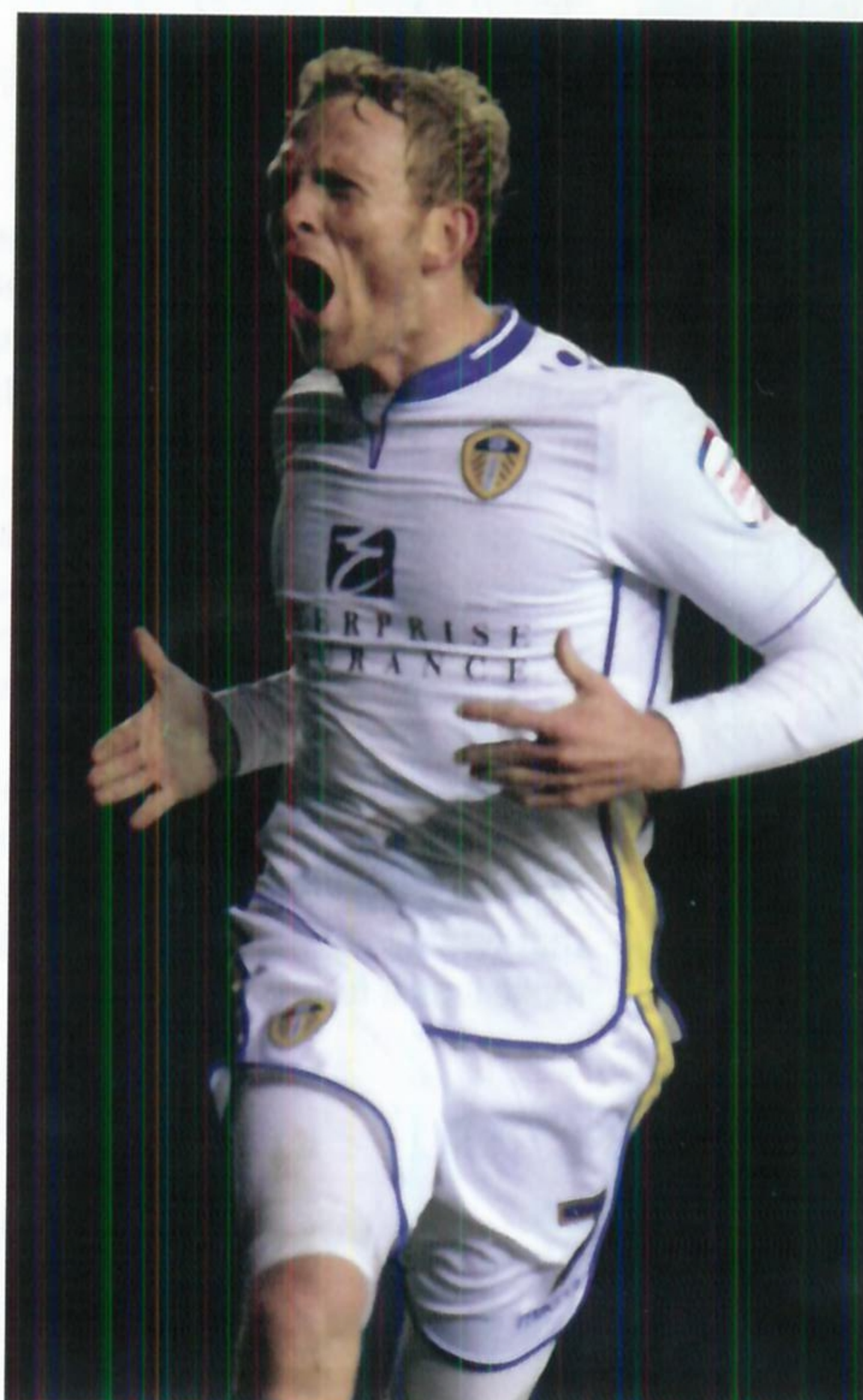
Paul’s part in helping Doncaster to promotion was his last act for the south Yorkshire club. With his Keepmoat contract having run down, he joined Derby County.

“It was a good move for me. Derby had just come down from the Premier League and it was one of those moves that just can’t be turned down. They were really spending some money in the hope of going straight back up and it was a really exciting time.

“With my fitness a lot better, I came back into the team and have **managed to get a few goals** and help the team to some decent results”



↑ Action from the Wembley Play-Off final between Leeds and Doncaster as Paul challenges Jonny Howson.



← Celebrating after scoring the second goal against Ipswich recently.



"I was sad to leave Doncaster but they had suddenly become a small club compared to the rest of the Championship.

"I thought by joining Derby I'd have a much better chance of going up. Of course, as luck would have it, we played Doncaster on the opening day of my first season at Derby and lost. So that wasn't the best of debuts!

"But, in fairness to Derby, Paul Jewell had put together a brand new team that summer and we were still getting to know each other. Doncaster had been together for three or four years and knew their style of play inside-out. They didn't have to change a thing."

Unfortunately for Paul, the next four years at Derby failed to bring the promotion push he had

anticipated when moving from Doncaster. Serious injury – he suffered cruciate ligament damage in March, 2011, and was out for almost nine months – also halted his own progress so when the opportunity to return to Yorkshire came last summer, he jumped at the chance.

"I was out of contract at Derby and the chance to join Leeds came up. I didn't have to think too long as when a team like Leeds comes in for you – with their history and fan-base – then it is a great thing.

"I then spoke to the manager and he explained the ambition the club had. So, I was delighted to sign. It was also a bonus that we could move back to Pontefract, as it is always nice to be home.



UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH...
PAUL GREEN

"After getting back from the Euros and having a good pre-season, I was raring to go but then I got injured against Wolves on the opening day. That was really frustrating.

"I'd worked so hard in pre-season and I was gutted. All I could do was work hard on my rehab and try to get myself fit as soon as possible."

Paul's return came in the 1-1 draw with Charlton Athletic at Elland Road on October 23 but things didn't go to plan.

"I'd not played a reserve game and it was a risk," he says. "But when the chance comes to play, you don't turn it down. Unfortunately, I felt rusty and wasn't match-sharp at all.

"My head wanted to do something but my body couldn't. So, I went in to see the gaffer and said, 'I need reserve team games'. He agreed and I soon felt a lot better and ready to return.

"With my fitness a lot better, I came back into the team and have managed to get a few goals and help the team to some decent results. We've got ourselves back in the promotion mix and need to stay there.

"If we can do that then maybe we can have a few more nights like the one against Chelsea when

"That Chelsea night was something else. To have more than 33,000 fans chanting **'Marching On Together'** like they did was enough to **send shivers down the spine**"

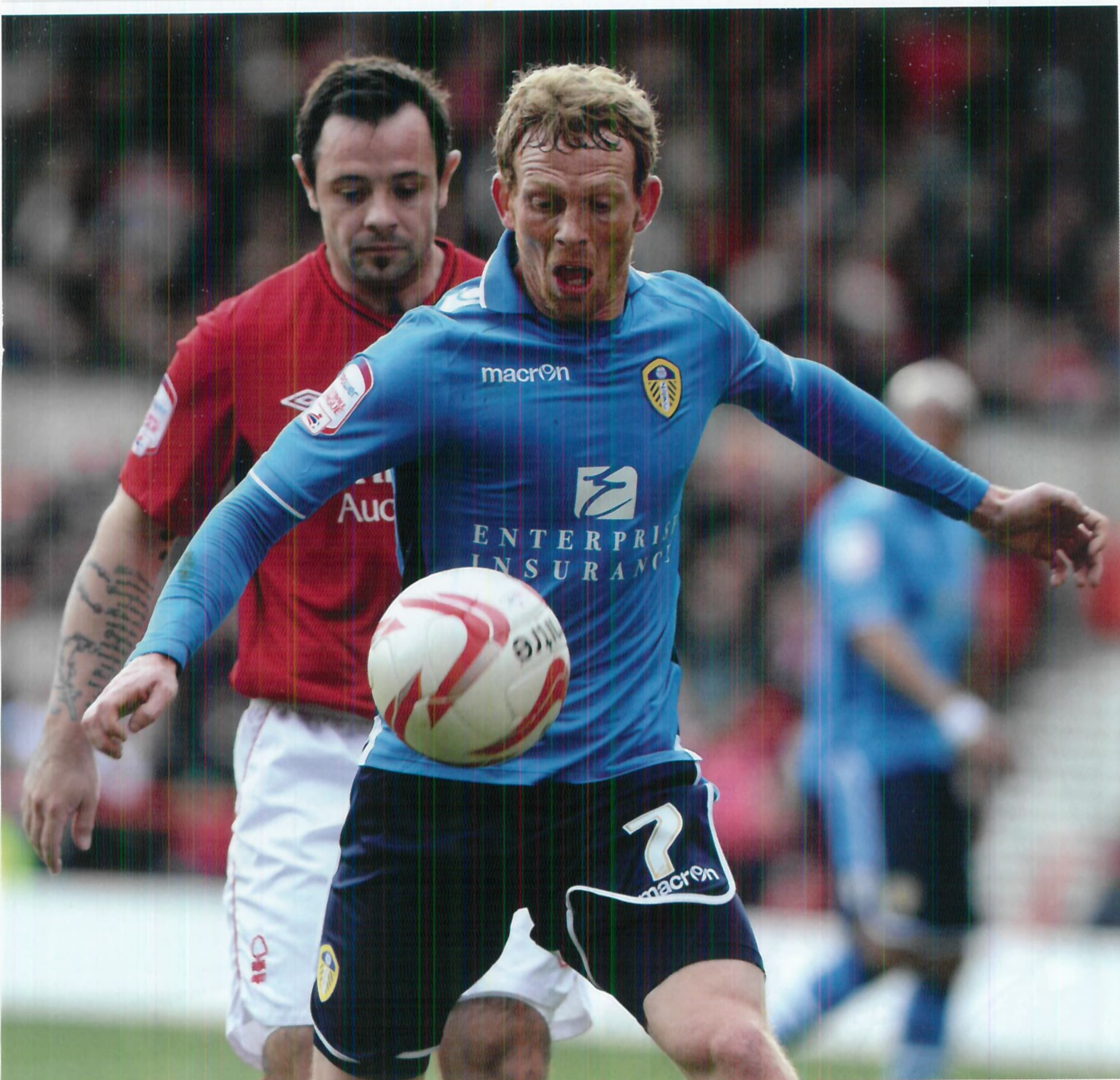
the atmosphere was unbelievable. To have that crowd behind us was great.

"The fans are brilliant in the league and really get behind us. But that Chelsea night was something else. To have more than 33,000 fans chanting 'Marching On Together' like they did was enough to send shivers down the spine.

"It would be great if we could get Elland Road rocking like that every week and to do that we have to go on a really good run in the New Year."

If Leeds can go on to clinch what would be Greeny's fourth career promotion, it would cap





↑ Paul in action at Nottingham Forest on Boxing Day.

← ...and in the Capital One Cup quarter-final with Chelsea.

a remarkable 12 months that began with a first appearance at a major finals.

Called up to the Irish squad as a late replacement for Keith Fahey, he admits: "I was at a family barbecue when the call came through to say I was needed. I had to get my stuff together and down to East Midlands Airport for 8.30pm as the rest of the squad were in Italy.

"So, I got everything together and off I went. It was so exciting to get the call and be involved in something that meant so much to the Irish. The fans were brilliant and took over any stadium we played at. I've never seen anything like it, just a sea of green.

"Even when we were speaking to the other teams, they'd all mention the Irish fans and their unbelievable support. Ireland had obviously not

played at a major tournament for such a long time and the fans just didn't want to miss out.

"Just to be involved in a squad at a major Championships would have been incredible but to then play, well that made it even more special. I came on for the final 15 minutes against Spain and that was an experience and a half. To play the World and European Champions was amazing.

"I got on for the last 15 minutes and had about three touches. And one of them was to kick-off. But what a great experience and something I'll never forget, especially considering how I'd had to fight back from my cruciate injury.

"It was a great feeling to know all that hard work had been worth it and along with that win at Wembley, I'd say the best experience of my career."



EBEL

EBEL Beluga Lady. A graceful and uncompromising interpretation of seductive elegance in steel & diamonds.

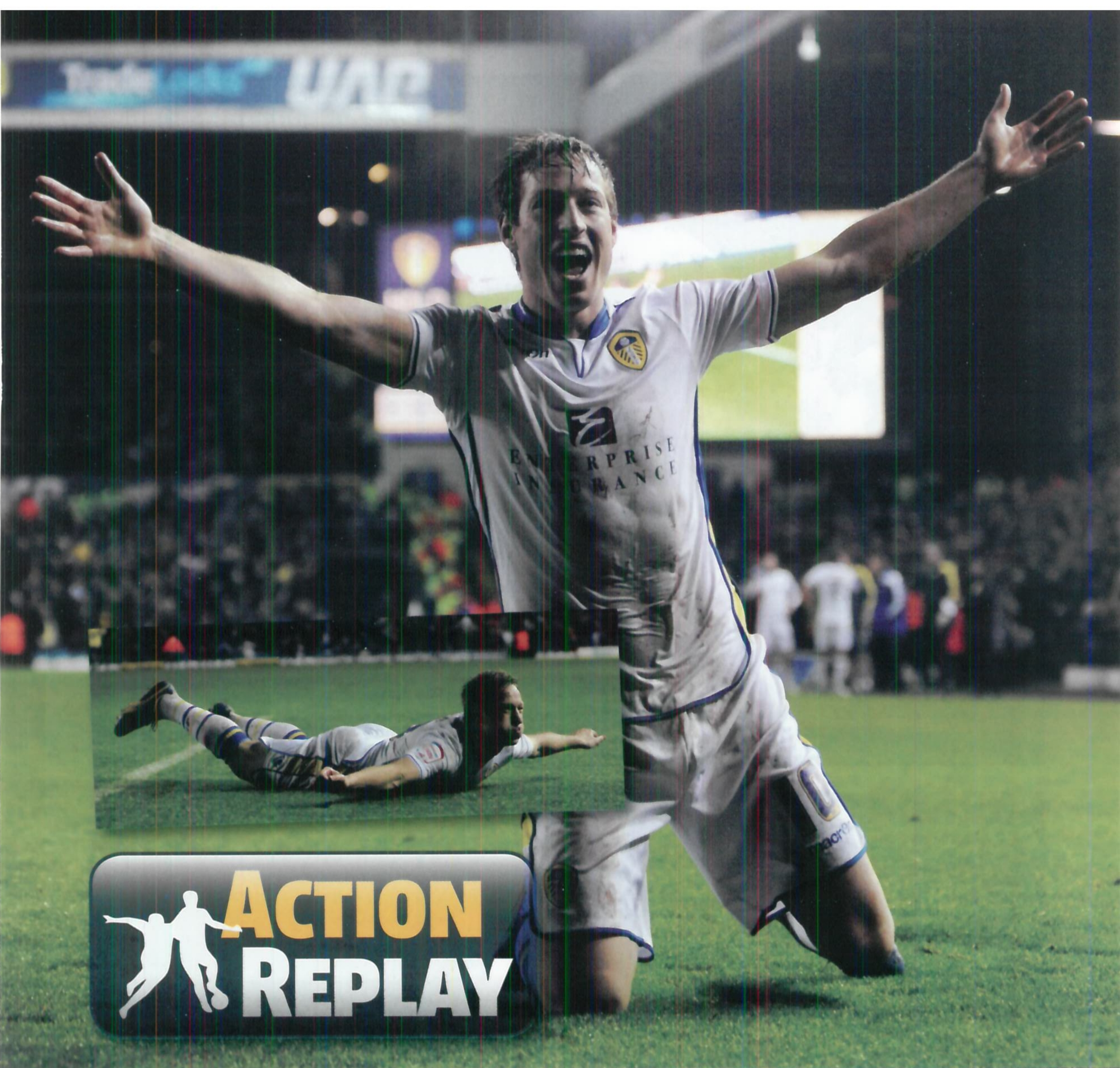
EBEL.COM



Available at:


Ogden
HARROGATE

Ogden of Harrogate Ltd
38 James Street
Harrogate HG1 1RQ
T: 01423 504123
E: sales@ogdenharrogate.co.uk
W: ogdenharrogate.co.uk



ONE UP, ONE DOWN

Neil Warnock's side started the festive period brightly with a 2-1 home win over high-flying Middlesbrough at Elland Road on the last Saturday before Christmas. But on Boxing Day against Forest at the City Ground, we threw away an early lead, gave away a penalty equaliser just before the interval, and then conceded three goals in seven second-half minutes that saw us go down 4-2! The main consolation in Nottingham was a late goal for the recently returned Davide Somma.

Saturday December 22

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

LEEDS UNITED 2 (Becchio 44, 72)

MIDDLESBROUGH 1 (Jutkiewicz 28)

United: Kenny, Byram, Tate, Lees, Peltier (Pearce 78), Green (White 46), Tonge, Norris, Thomas (Somma 69), Becchio, Diouf. Subs not used: Ashdown, Varney, Brown, McCormack.

Middlesbrough: Steele, Hoyte (Parnaby 76), Hines, Friend, Woodgate, Leadbitter, Smallwood (Ledesma 76), McEachran, McDonald (Halliday 80), Emnes, Jutkiewicz. Subs not used: Thomson, Bailey, Leutwiler, Reach.

Referee: Paul Tierney (Lancashire)

Booked: Norris (Leeds), Friend (Boro)

Attendance: 25,406 (3,000 Boro)

STAT BOX

	LEEDS	BORO
GOALS:	2	1
POSSESSION:	52	48
SHOTS ON TARGET:	7	5
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	2	9
CORNERS:	1	9
FOULS:	8	11
YELLOW CARDS:	1	1
RED CARDS:	0	0

↑ Luciano Becchio enjoying his second goal against Middlesbrough.





Luciano Becchio scoring the goals that beat Middlesbrough.





Wednesday December 26

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 4 (Sharp pen 44, 55, Austin og 57, Blackstock 61)

LEEDS UNITED 2 (Green 12, Somma 90)

Forest: Camp, Hutton, Ward, Collins, Halford, Cohen, Guedioura, Majewski (Moussi 70), Reid (Lansbury 83), Blackstock, Sharp (Cox 77). Subs not used: Gillett, Darlow, Harding, McGugan.

United: Kenny, Byram (McCormack 79), Tate, Lees, Drury, Green, Brown, Austin (Pearce 66), Thomas, Becchio, Diouf (Somma 65). Subs not used: Ashdown, Varney, Norris, White.

Referee: Tony Bates (Staffordshire)

Booked: Brown, Green (Leeds)

Att: 26,670 (3,235 Leeds)

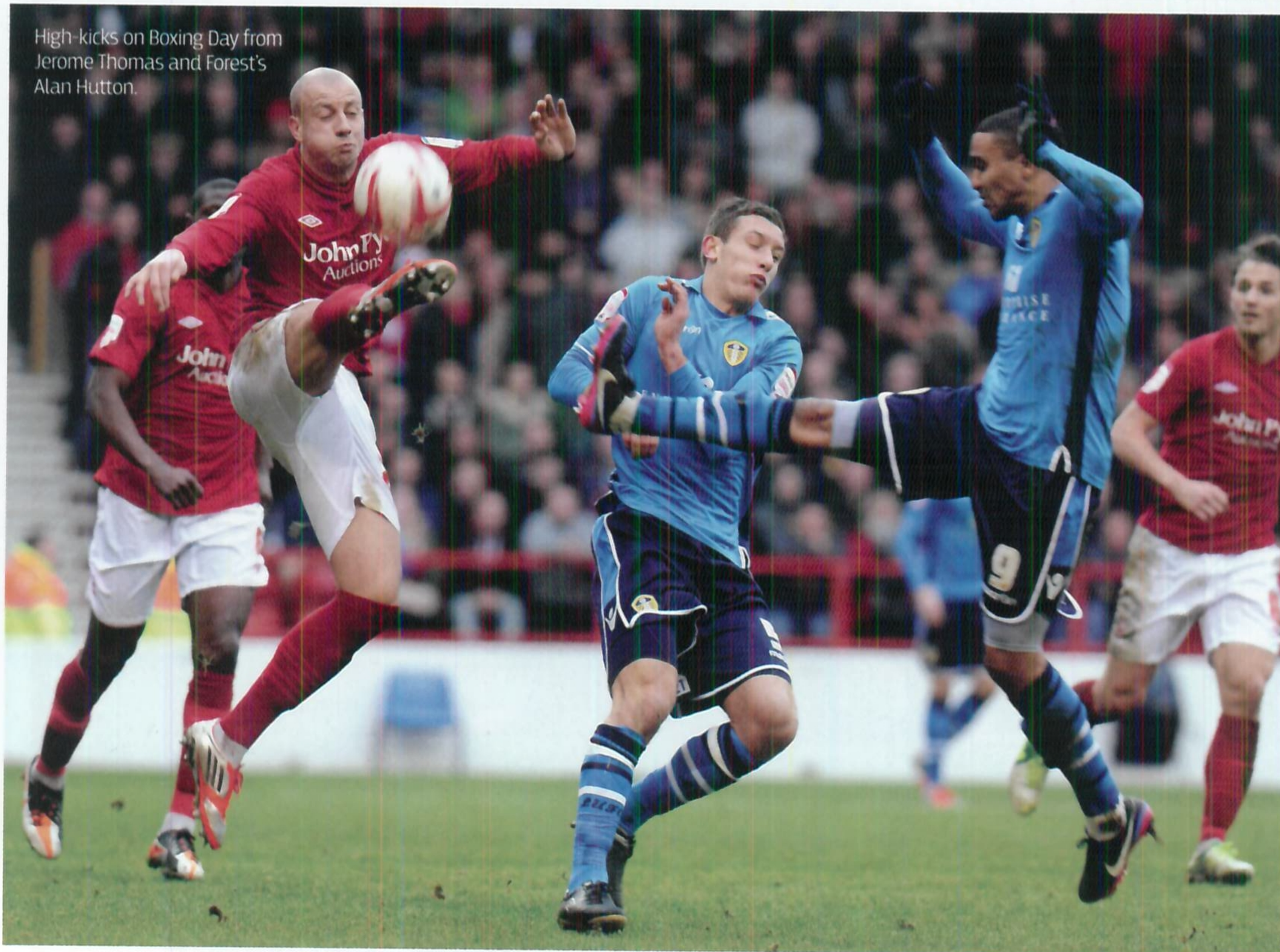
STAT BOX

	FOREST	LEEDS
GOALS:	4	2
POSSESSION:	55	45
SHOTS ON TARGET:	7	7
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	7	3
CORNERS:	7	4
FOULS:	8	10
YELLOW CARDS:	0	2

↑ ← Paul Green's goal at Forest.



High-kicks on Boxing Day from Jerome Thomas and Forest's Alan Hutton.



Davide Somma at the City Ground scoring his first goal since returning from injury.



WATCH IT NOW! Highlights of all Leeds United games are available on LUTV, via www.leedsunited.com, with subscriptions priced just £52 per year.



Get
the apps
for free
View21.com

view21[®]
upgrade your world

View what you want in any room Wirelessly



Future-proof your TV experience with the View21 next generation Digital TV Recorder. Enjoy catch up TV and other online apps including YouTube, Twitter, BBC iPlayer and Flickr

Never miss a moment of your favourite programmes with live pause and rewind. Watch one channel whilst recording another or record two channels and watch something from your library of up to 300 hours of programmes

Freeview +HD

Stream and control from your iPad or iPhone with the free View21 Play app

Available on the
App Store



Watch Live TV or Recordings in your Library, when you want, where you want*

Available from: Argos, Amazon, Very, View21.com and other selected retailers

View21 Smart Digital TV Recorder, available with 320GB or 500GB Hard Drive. Models VW11FVRHD32 and VW11FVRHD50. An HD Ready TV is required to be able to watch HD programmes. The Freeview service is subject to coverage. An aerial upgrade might be required. Internet Services require a minimum actual broadband speed of 2Mbps via an

ethernet cable. *View21 Play and Photo apps need to be connected to the same wireless network as the View21 box. View21 Play app for iPhone coming soon. View21 apps available free for a limited period, see View21.com. View21 is a registered trademark of ABC Ltd. iPad and iPhone are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S and other countries

view21.com





LEEDS UNITED v BIRMINGHAM CITY

SATURDAY 5 JANUARY, K.O. 3PM

FA CUP - ROUND THREE

ADULT TICKETS FROM

£20

JUNIOR TICKETS FROM

£11

LEEDSUNITED.COM | 0871 334 1992
SUPERSTORE TICKET OFFICE COUNTERS

The Ticket Office Counters within the Elland Road Superstore are open:
Monday to Saturday 9am - 5.30pm. Closed Sundays.

Calls to 0871 numbers cost 9p per minute plus network extras

There's nothing quite like being close to YOUR club and as a Leeds United Member you can't get any closer. The Leeds United Members Club allows you to play an active role in the future plans of the club and enjoy many exclusive privileges in return for your loyalty. All Season Ticket Holders are automatically enrolled into the Membership scheme.

Priority ticket booking is obviously an attraction, but Membership also gives you the chance to meet the chairman, management, players, and stars of the past at our many social events during the season.

On matchdays, Members have exclusive use of the Centenary Pavilion and once turnstiles open, exclusive access to Billy's Bar. Any Members club is only as strong as its fans and your support is the driving force that spurs us on to greater highs.



MEMBERS BRANCHES

To take full advantage of being a Member, why not sign up to your local branch and enjoy all the benefits that come with being a Regional Member? You can also take advantage of our popular Leeds On The Road events when the club comes to you!

ABERDEEN

Contact: Doug Smith
scottishleeds@yahoo.com

BLACKPOOL

Contact: Mark Jordan
Blackpool_whites@msn.com

BOOT ROOM WHITES (CASTLEFORD)

Contact: Paul Taylor
pen2paperuk@hotmail.com

BOSTON

Contact: Warren Ward
bostonwhites@live.com

BRISBANE & QUEENSLAND (AUSTRALIA)

Contact: Nathan Muir
nathan.t.muir@gmail.com

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Contact: Jake Smith
cyrils56@aol.com

CHILTERN

Contact: Hector McFarlane
www.chilternwhites.co.uk

CLEETHORPES

Contact: Billy Adlard
www.cleethorpeswhites.co.uk

CONWY COUNTY

Contact: Ann Hughes
simon.ann1@yahoo.co.uk

COOKSTOWN (NI)

Contact: Thomas Patterson
thomaspatterson@hotmail.co.uk

COUNTY LAOIS

Contact: Colm O'Hara
allbooks@eircom.net

CYPRUS

Contact: Gary Hunter
garyhunter@fsmail.net

DESBOROUGH & ROTHWELL

Contact: Luke Hill
luke.hill@eclipsecolour.com

DUBAI

Contact: Paul Mather
pem@emirates.net.ae

DUBLIN

Contact: Noel Rice
www.dublinlumc.com

DONCASTER

Contact: Chris Rhodes
doncasterwhites@live.co.uk

ENNISKILLEN

Contact: Brian Hassard
enniskillenwhites@hotmail.com

ESSEX

Contact: Paul Downer
www.essexwhiteslumc.co.uk

FERMANAGH

Contact: Andrew Harrison
Via: lorna@leedsunited.com

HAMPSHIRE

Contact: Mark Smith
www.hampshirewhites.com

HEREFORD

Contact: Dean Cholmondeley
dcplumb@hotmail.co.uk

HOPE INN (Leeds)

Contact: Gary Barrass
garypaulbarrass@yahoo.co.uk

HULL

Contact: Tony Cook
hullwhites@live.co.uk

ILKLEY

Contact: Richard Fox
www.ilkleywhites.com

ISLE OF MAN

Contact: Ean Costain
ean.costain@manx.net

KEIGHLEY

Contact: Stephen Pickles
JANINE.PICKLES@sky.com

KENT

Contact: Steve Humphrey
stumps4leeds@aol.com

LEICESTER

Contact: Andy Cawthorn
leicesterwhites@live.co.uk

LEOMINSTER

Contact: Heath Crosby
minsterwhites@hotmail.co.uk

LINCOLNSHIRE

Contact: Jonathan Ellis
jonathanelis4@aol.com

LOFTHOUSE (Outwood, Near Wakefield)

Contact: Brummy Grandad
dsbriars@hotmail.co.uk

LUDO (Leeds United Disabled Organisation)

Contact: Stuart Ramm
www.ludo1992.com

LUSCOS (Scandinavia)

Contact: Rune Roalsvig
rune@leedsunited.no

MELSONBY WHITES

Contact: Richard Armitage
melsonbywhites.lufc@yahoo.com

NAVAN WHITES

Contact: John Mallon
Via: john@musicsource.ie

NORTH WEST NORTHERN IRELAND (Londonderry)

Contact: Derek Shields
Via: dshields549@aol.com

NORWICH

Contact: Marc Bracha
yeboah21@btinternet.com

PARK INN (Belfast)

Contact: Calvagh O'Donnell
calvaghodonnell@yahoo.co.uk

PRESTON

Contact: Sean Rafferty
sean1966@btinternet.com

REAL LEEDS MALTA

Contact: Hilary Attard
Hilary01@maltanet.net

SCARBOROUGH

Contact: Mark Stanger
www.scarboroughwhites.co.uk

SHROPSHIRE

Contact: Gary Sleat
gvsleat@gmail.com

SOUTH WEST (Bristol)

Contact: Matt Laverton
Via: lorna@leedsunited.com

SPEN VALLEY

Contact: Carina Gibson
spenvalleywhites@hotmail.co.uk

SURREY

Contact: Tim Vernon
surreywhites@yahoo.co.uk

SYDNEY & NSW (Australia)

Contact: Sam Gibbard
sgibbard@hotmail.com

TEESSIDE

Contact: Ian McLean
ianmclean7@ntlworld.com

THAMES VALLEY

Contact: Steve Griffin
www.thamesvalleywhites.co.uk

VICTORIA (Australia)

Contact: James Willoughby
jwilloughby26@gmail.com

WARWICKSHIRE

Contact: Simon Cannon-Smith
warwickshirewhites@hotmail.co.uk

WHITBY

Contact: Graeme Smith
graemesmith1919@yahoo.co.uk

WHITE STAR WHITES (BELFAST)

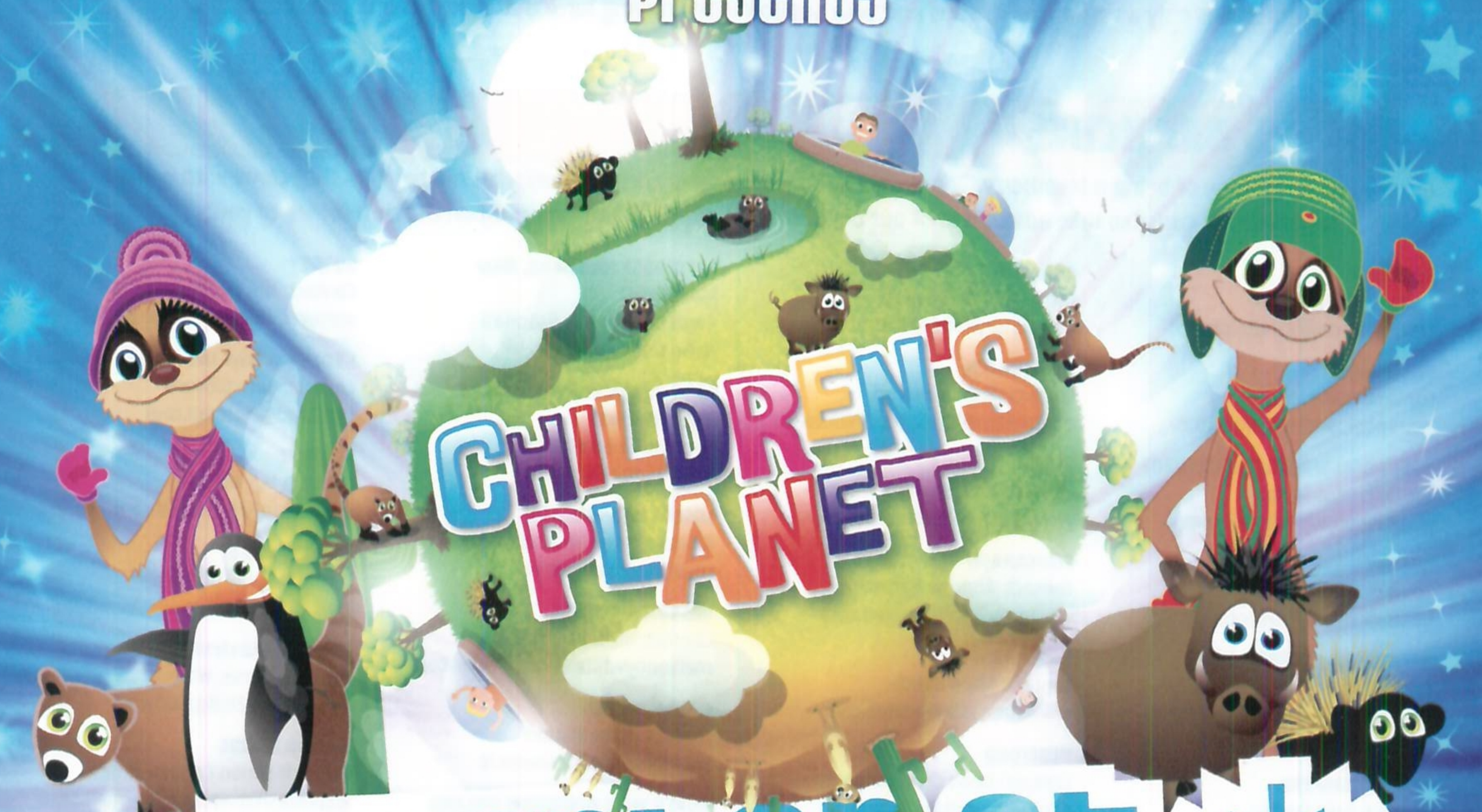
Contact: Brian Johnston
jonty49@me.com

For more information call Lorna Tinker on 0113 367 6242 or email lorna@leedsunited.com



flamingo LAND

presents



CHILDREN'S
PLANET

Winter at
FLAMINGO LAND

Enjoy over 140 species of reptiles, mammals and birds, plus Children's Planet – our active play area, selected attractions and much, much more...

Adults £7.50 Under 12s £5.00 Under 4s FREE

Open selected dates December 2012 to March 2013
[WWW.FLAMINGOLAND.CO.UK](http://www.flamingoland.co.uk)



Hello all

Welcome to Elland Road for our match against Bolton Wanderers.

Happy New Year! Today is January 1 and the first game at Elland Road in 2013. Today we entertain Bolton Wanderers with a past Leeds United player as manager, so welcome back, Dougie Freedman.

The last time Bolton visited Elland Road was when we were both in the Premier League. That was in November 2003 and unfortunately Bolton won and left with all three points. I've got everything crossed for a better result this time around.

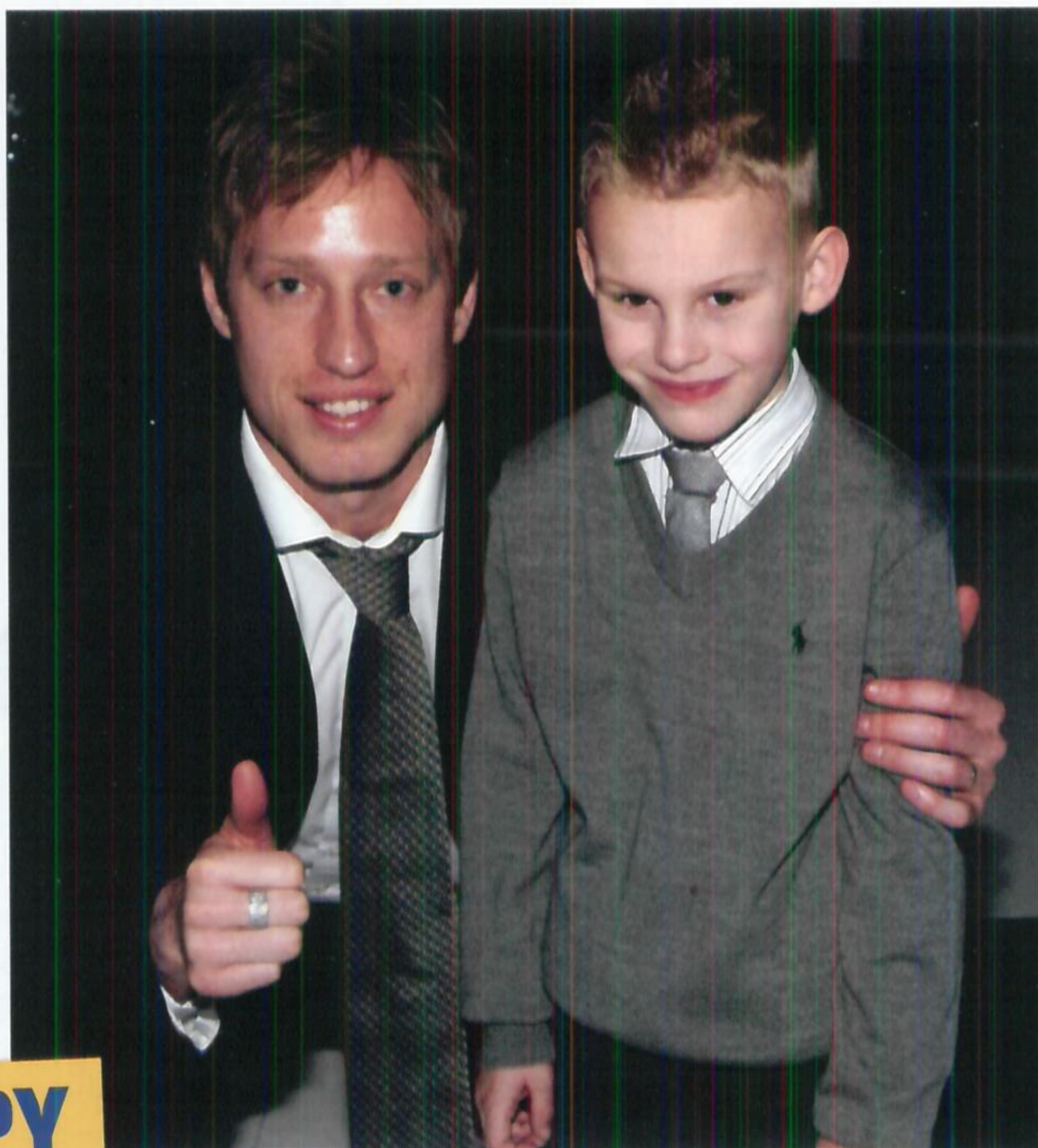
Hope you have all had a brilliant Christmas and enjoy today's match.

Lucas

MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fun was had by all at the Members Christmas Party after the Middlesbrough victory on Saturday December 22.

Fans had the opportunity to meet the Leeds United players and management on a festive evening in the Centenary Pavilion at Elland Road.



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Happy New Year to you all, hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed having time away from your school work. Hope 2013 brings everything you wished for.

MEMBERSHIP MASCOTS



Kathryn Miller

Age: 9

From:

Knaresborough
Hobbies: Karate, ballet, playing with her brother

Benjamin... and Leeds United!

Favourite player:

Luciano Becchio

Prediction: 4-0 to Leeds
(Becchio hat trick!)

Stan Heslop

Age: 12

From: Leeds LS7

Hobbies:
Football,
drawing, bikes.

Favourite

players: El-Hadji Diouf, Ross McCormack and Sam Byram

Prediction: 2-1 to Leeds



BOLTON MASCOT



Daniel Cox

Age: 9

From: Stockport

Hobbies:
Playing
for Bolton
Wanderers

Academy Under-9s

Favourite players: Stuart Holden, Martin Petrov and Chung Yung Lee

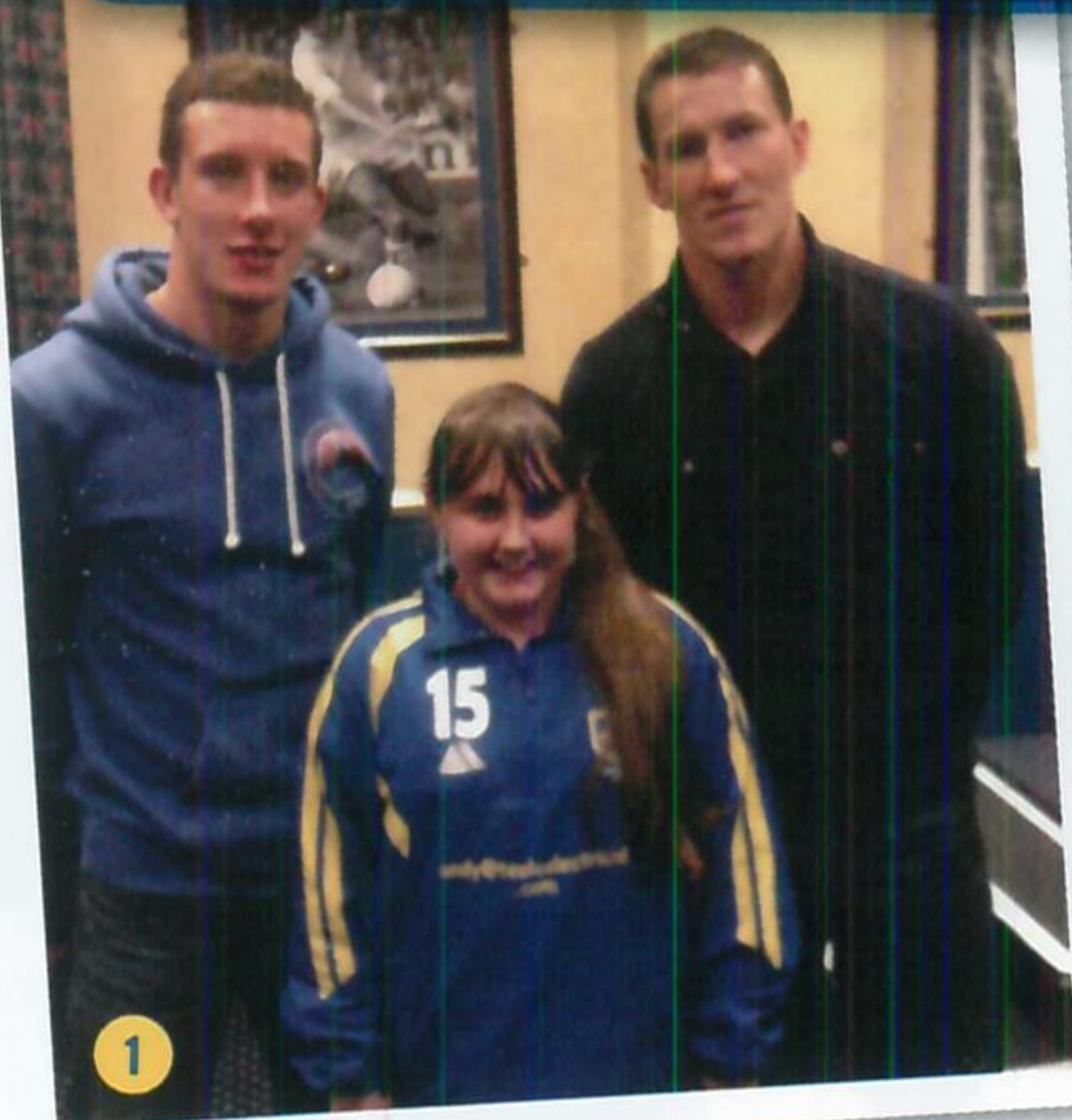
Prediction: Bolton win 3-1

NOT YET A JUNIOR MEMBER?

You can still join up as a Junior Member. Ask mum or dad to contact the Ticket Office for a Membership form.



NOTICEBOARD



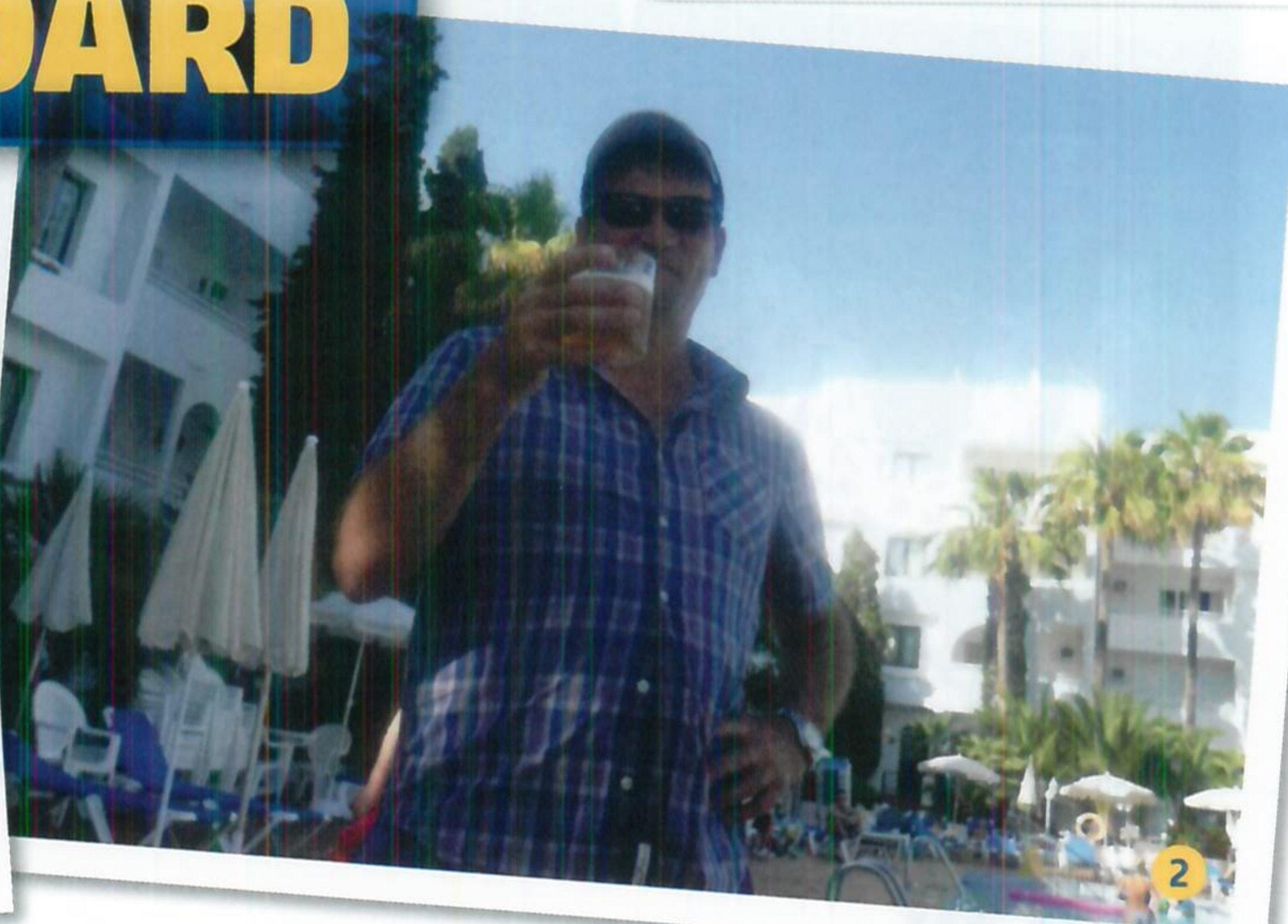
Happy birthday

1> To **Chloe Smith**... "Happy 12th birthday from mum, dad and brother Tom."

To **Alan Brown**... of Cloughmills in Northern Ireland who celebrated his 50th birthday on December 30. "Love from Karen, Lynsey and John."

To **John Brown**... also of Cloughmills, Northern Ireland – who will celebrate his 18th on January 11. "Love from mum, dad and Lynsey."

To **Chloe Osbourne**... "Have a great day, Chloe! Love from dad and all at White Star Whites Supporters Club, Belfast."



2> To **Robert Reed**...

lifelong Leeds supporter here today celebrating his 48th birthday.

3> To **Francesca Walker**...

a Season Ticket Holder in the North East Lower from Southampton. "Happy 18th (on January 4)! Congratulations from mum and dad – and all your extended LUFC family in the Pavilion. MOT xxx."

4> To **Curtis Lunn**...

seen here en route to Millwall last year and 17 on December 29. "Happy birthday, Curtis, from dad and your brother Nat."

Welcome to the White Star Whites!

5> Hello and Happy New Year to the following from the new White Star Whites



Surprise for Shane!

The lad pictured in the warm sunshine is 12-year-old **Shane Harris**... all the way over in Perth, Western Australia – but he's here today! His dad Rod Harris explains: "We flew back to Ireland for the Christmas holidays and a surprise for Shane's birthday I am bringing him to today's Bolton game. He'll be even more over the moon to see his picture into the programme! Shane hasn't been to Elland Road since he was three, as we moved to Australia in 2006."



Noticeboard@me.com

Inclusion in Noticeboard is free but on a first-come, first-served basis and inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Just email your message (and jpeg, too, if you like) to the new address of **noticeboard@me.com**

Please make the subject of your email something that indicates the name of the featured fan, the occasion, and the match you want it to run in e.g. "John Smith birthday Birmingham" and send it in as early as possible, and at least eight days before the game. We're sorry, but entries to any other addresses can no longer be accepted.

Official Supporters Club in Belfast, Northern Ireland: **Grahame Gallagher, Brian Johnston, Andrew Johnston, Barry Pentland, Paul Winsby, Robin Winsby, Paul Seacroft, Chloe Osbourne** and **Jim Osbourne**. "Today," says Brian Johnston, "is the White Star Whites' first visit to Elland Road as an official club and will be back in March for Huddersfield game to receive our official certificate on the pitch!"

Good to see you, Andrew!

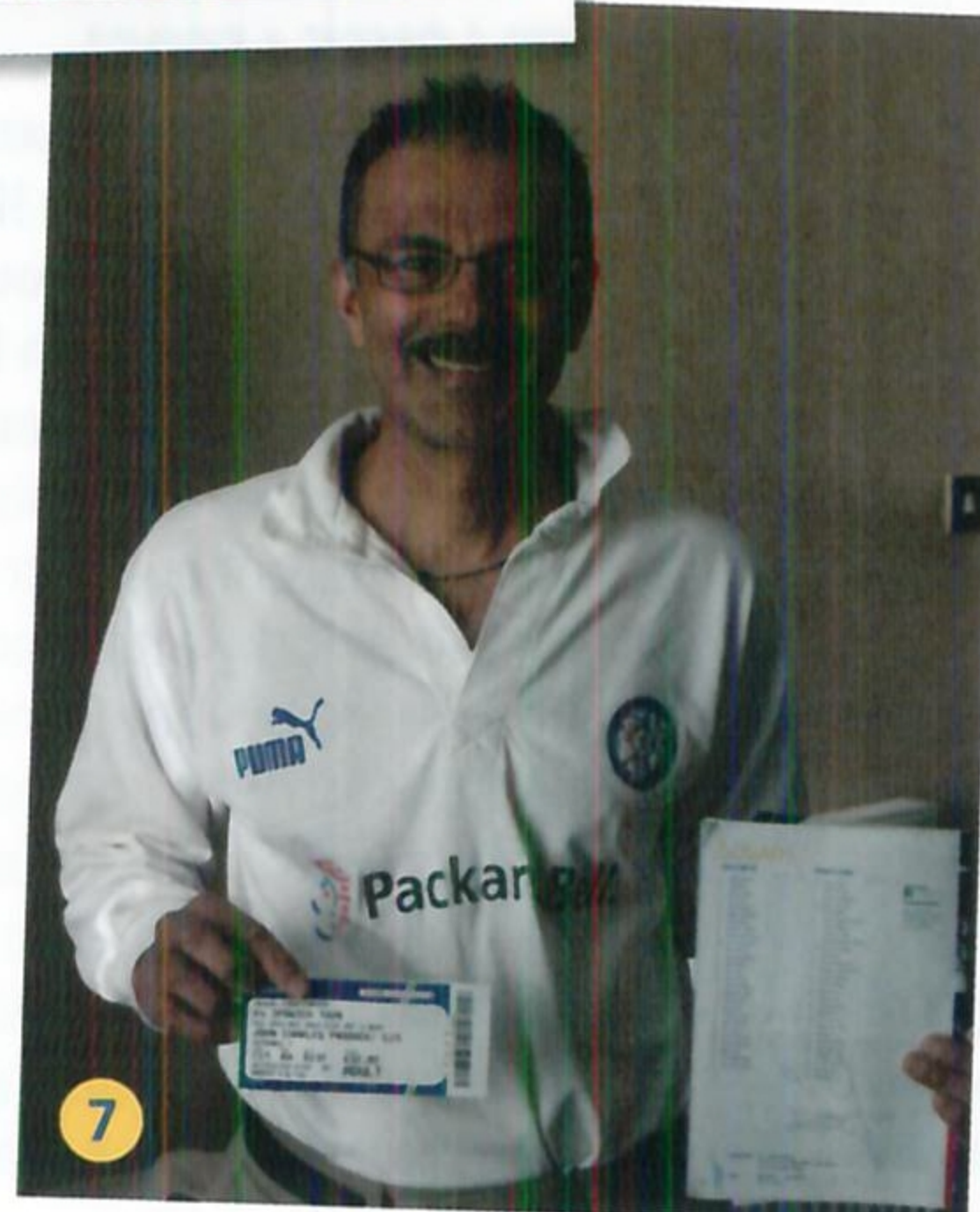
6> A special message for **Andy Waters**, home on leave from Afghanistan, from your proud mum: "Hoping my son Andrew



enjoys the game. I'm so happy he's been home for Christmas. So proud of you, son xx."

An African tradition...

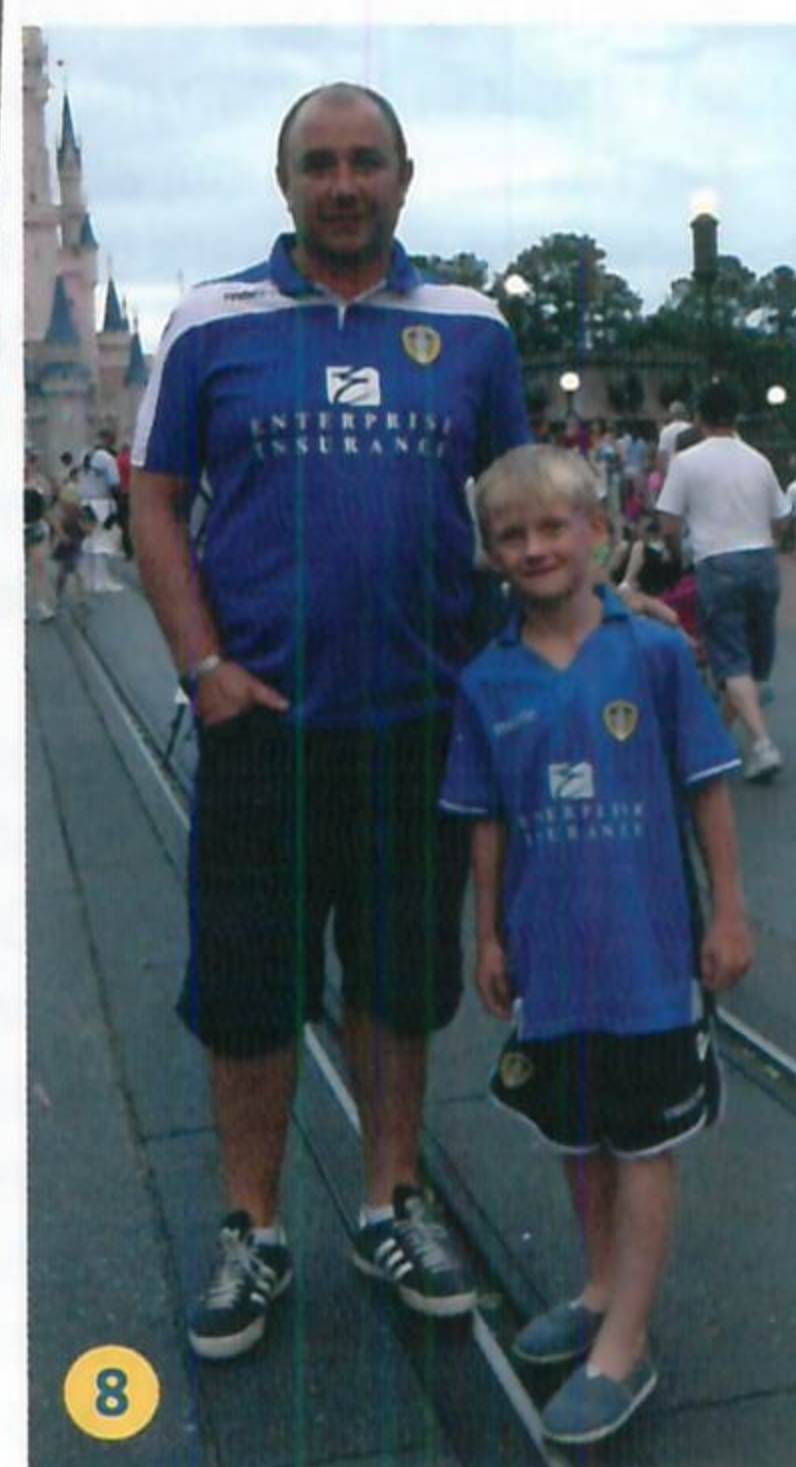
7> This is **Roy Trivedy** – who travelled south from Ayr in Scotland for the match against Ipswich shortly before Christmas. Says Roy: "I have supported the team since my family arrived in the UK from Africa and India in 1968. I work for the Department for International Development – contributing to the UK Government's programme for aid and development. I have worked in Malawi, Mozambique, India, Central Asia and most recently in Tanzania – and wherever I have been, I have been fortunate to meet other Leeds fans. "After the Ipswich match finished, the players came to thank the supporters and I was lucky enough to get El-Hadji Diouf come over to me near the dug-outs. Dioufy gave me an autograph. I said to him that I was really pleased



that he was keeping up the LUFC tradition of African players – Albert, Phil Masinga, the Chief, Max, Davide and Dioufy! He is our African Player of the Year and is a great ambassador for the club! A happy, peaceful and enjoyable New Year to all."

Lucky Alfie

8> This is **Alfie Edgell** and his uncle **Rob Brook** in Disneyland, Florida. Says Rob: "It was taken on the opening game of the season, cheering on the team while on holiday. Alfie attends games with me and is normally a lucky charm. We are hoping to be 'Marching on Together' soon with the Mighty Whites. Enjoy the game, Alfie! Love from auntie Sam and me!"



Born to be Leeds

The next generation starts here...

9> Rino Lazzari sent in this one of his four-month-old son **Mason Luca Lazzari** in his new Leeds kit. A Leeds fan for life!

PAINT IT WHITE

Following Leeds absolutely everywhere



Gary Edwards is the author of three books on watching Leeds: **Paint It White**, **The Second Coat** and **No Glossing Over It**.

LEEDS BETTER THAN LIVERPOOL!

Happy New Year to all and let's hope it's a prosperous one for our boys.

There is always something special about New Year's Day games – though not when a team from Oldham come dressed in bright orange and give us a good hiding in our own midding.

No, I'm thinking more about going to Anfield on New Year's Day 1972 and beating them 2-0. Two glorious second-half goals from Allan Clarke and Mick Jones, at the Kop end, capped a perfect performance by Leeds United.

Just four weeks later we drew at Anfield in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup and beat Liverpool 2-0 in the replay at Elland Road, which was played in the afternoon because of power cuts enforced by a three-day week. I was just three months from leaving school when we edged past Liverpool in that cup tie – and three months later we won the FA Cup at Wembley. Those were the days eh?

Probably even better than that, in a million years from now, when the new

batch of dinosaurs open the time capsule left by the human race, it will reveal that Leeds United were sitting at the top of the Premier League as we entered the Millennium. *Yabba dabba doo!*

RICKY LOVES LEEDS!

I can now reveal a world exclusive. The legendary boxer Ricky Hatton, isn't – as popular belief would have it – a Man City fan. He is, in fact, a Leeds fan through and through.

Conclusive evidence of this was recorded at a recent event at Bewley's hotel in Leeds. Ricky attended the event organised by Tony Dunne and Gary Atkin, which was fronted by top-class comedian Jed Stone from Liverpool. Ricky lent Jed (who is a Season Ticket Holder at Elland Road) one of his Leeds' Santa hats and they posed for the brilliant shot you see below.

ZOMBIES INVADE MALAGA!

Also flying the flag for Leeds United are prominent White Rose members, Smithy, Tim, and Bones who recently

escaped the cold British climate and travelled to Spain to attend the Malaga versus Anderlecht game.

Leeds fans who attended our last European tie to date (when we played in Malaga in the UEFA Cup in 2002/03) will know of the sizeable support for Malaga (and Leeds) from ex-pats. These are known as the Guiri Army and many of them joined our trio when they were invited to the club's Christmas party which was attended by Malaga players and the club president, all of whom wanted their photograph taken with our very own Smithy. Tim, Bones and Smithy can be seen in the picture you see, flanked by a member of the Guiri Army on the left and Dave Redshaw, a prominent Man City fan on the right, with the Guiri Flag in the background. Looking at the picture below though, you could be forgiven for thinking our three in the middle are extras from The Living Dead with their scary eyes!

I'd just like to add my congratulations to a mate of mine for over 30 years, Harry "Brassy" Brass, who – despite being born a Sunderland fan – has bravely fought against all the odds and put the icing on the cake when he married Amanda last week at York Racecourse. Hearty, genuine, good wishes to Brassy and Amanda – enjoy Florida.



PURCHASE DEADLINE
FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2013



**FINAL
TEN
GAMES!**

PRIDE OF YORKSHIRE

**SEASON
TICKET**



**Contact Ticket Services on 0871 334 1992 for
an application form or purchase your season
ticket online at www.leedsunited.com**

(Calls cost 9p per minute plus network extras)



MONDAYS 6PM - 7PM **DIGITAL**® WITH **DOMINIC MATTEO**

MATCHDAY REPLAY ↺

Yorkshire's Sport Station!

DAB DIGITAL | SKY CHANNEL 0209 | YORKSHIRERADIO.NET

Supporting
the grass roots



**Football
Foundation**



— ■ FUNDING PARTNERS ■ —

www.footballfoundation.org.uk

improving facilities • creating opportunities • building communities

Charity No 1079309 Company No 3876305



WINSTON THE WHITE.



“The gulf between top of the Premier League and mid-table in the Championship **has widened considerably** since we were last there some nine years ago”

SOBERING THOUGHTS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Happy New Year everybody, and from a Leeds United perspective let's hope it's better than the last one!

I write these notes reflecting on our footballing lesson against Chelsea. The scoreline definitely flattered the visitors, and we certainly matched them in the first half where Becchio's finish from Thomas' sumptuous cross was undoubtedly Premier League quality. Had we held on for longer than 60 seconds in the second half, who knows what may have happened?

United couldn't be faulted for effort, and played some neat football at times, but when Chelsea upped the ante, there was only going to be one winner. The sobering realisation following this tie was of the gulf between top of the Premier League and mid-table in the Championship – and how that gulf has widened considerably since we were last there some nine years ago.

A full-house at Elland Road is a fantastic sight, though, and the atmosphere was electric right from the first whistle – a reminder to many fans of what it used to be like every week not so long ago. Whether the “returnees” saw enough to bring them back on a regular basis remains to be seen... There must also have been plenty of youngsters seeing a full Elland Road for the first time. There were even some “retro” chants, with the Chelsea manager's appearance drawing comparisons with a rotund, Iberian restaurant employee. Sadly, it all ended in tears and a dream semi-final against Bradford City remains just a dream.



WELCOME TO BOLTON – AND DOUGIE!

Our visitors today put the final boot into our unsuccessful relegation battle nine seasons ago.

Our fantastic record at the Reebok, prior to that game looked set to continue when Mark Viduka put us 1-0 up early on. Sadly, we went on to concede four goals which was enough to virtually confirm our fate, and condemn us to life in the Championship.

Wanderers have enjoyed some happy times since then: securing mid-table respectability on several occasions and even sampling European football. Last season's relegation must have been a blow, then, as would their disappointing start to the current campaign that saw manager Owen Coyle removed from his position.

New manager Dougie Freedman needs no introduction to Elland Road regulars. His spell on loan towards the end of the 2007/08 season propelled United into the Play-Offs, where we were beaten by Doncaster in the final at Wembley. Freedman (above) made a great impression while at Leeds, and there aren't many players who have made such an impression in such a short time with the club.

A TIME FOR OPTIMISM

Back to the present, and a new year is a time for optimism. With new owners on board, this slumbering giant is hopefully ready to explode into life.

The next generation of United supporters want a taste of the “big time” as, of course, do the faithful regulars – so that nights like the one against Chelsea become the norm once again. Enjoy the game, and... *c'mon you string o' beads!*





"I can still remember the **smell of boiled burgers** on Lowfields Road, the **sellers with their scarves** under the motorway tunnel, and the **excitement of climbing the steps** to the Kop"

HE'S BACK AND HE'S REMEMBERING WHY HE IS LEEDS...

When I was asked to join in with the theme of today's programme and write about why I was Leeds, it brought back some really happy memories.

Answers to the question "Why are you Leeds?" runs through much of today's programme and I have to admit, I was looking forward to reading how other people first got the bug. I wouldn't imagine my story is particularly exciting compared to some and I guess it's pretty standard, really.

I was actually brought up in a rugby league-supporting house. Hard to believe, I know, but that's how it was. My dad had been a semi-regular at Elland Road for years, apparently – mainly before my arrival – but rugby league was the main sport in the house, and Headingley (only 10 minutes walk away) was where it was at. Or not.

That wasn't the case with me, though. I can remember countless Sundays being bored on the terraces at Headingley or some other godforsaken hole around the north of England. I'd been to places like Leigh, Whitehaven, Workington, Barrow, St Helens and Widnes watching the Loiners, but it just wasn't for me. There was no atmosphere and it was all a bit, er... dull to me.

Even then, I used to read the old *Green Final* reports of Leeds United matches and listen out on the radio and it's fair to say I was more than curious about United and football. And, so it was that my eighth birthday present was a trip to Elland Road with dad for the Third Round of the FA Cup. We sat in the South Stand Upper and I still have this vivid image of the Kop singing "You'll Never Walk

Alone" with the scarves held horizontally. That was it for me.

I didn't go again until my next birthday, but a couple of schoolfriends' birthdays soon ensured a couple more trips to my new-found home-from-home and within a couple of seasons I was a regular, thanks to some of my dad's mates who were all massive Leeds fans kindly agreeing to take a young apprentice with them. I was well and truly hooked.

I can still remember the smell of boiled burgers on Lowfields Road, the sellers with their scarves under the motorway tunnel, and the excitement of climbing the steps to the Kop. Then there was the atmosphere and the crowd. It was all men of a certain age. There's no point in me hiding the fact I was attracted to the hostility of it all – although not in a malicious way, more in a partisan manner that made you feel it was like us against them. At rugby league they used to shout, "Gerrem onside!" and "You're talking rubbish!" to the people stood next to them on the terraces. At Elland Road we sung to the few visitors in the corner who had braved the trip here.

I remember swelling with pride when I went to school and told stories of my trips to Elland Road then, very quickly, away from here, and to other places around the country. Leeds fans were famous, not always for the right reasons, but I was proud to say I was one.

The other kids at school supported Liverpool or Everton at the time, but not me. I supported my local team and was proud of it. And, over 30 years on, I'm proud to say that, other than a brief spell in the mid-1990s when my love affair with the club was tested (largely thanks to the Jonny-cum-latelys who came in on the back of the title win) it has never wavered.

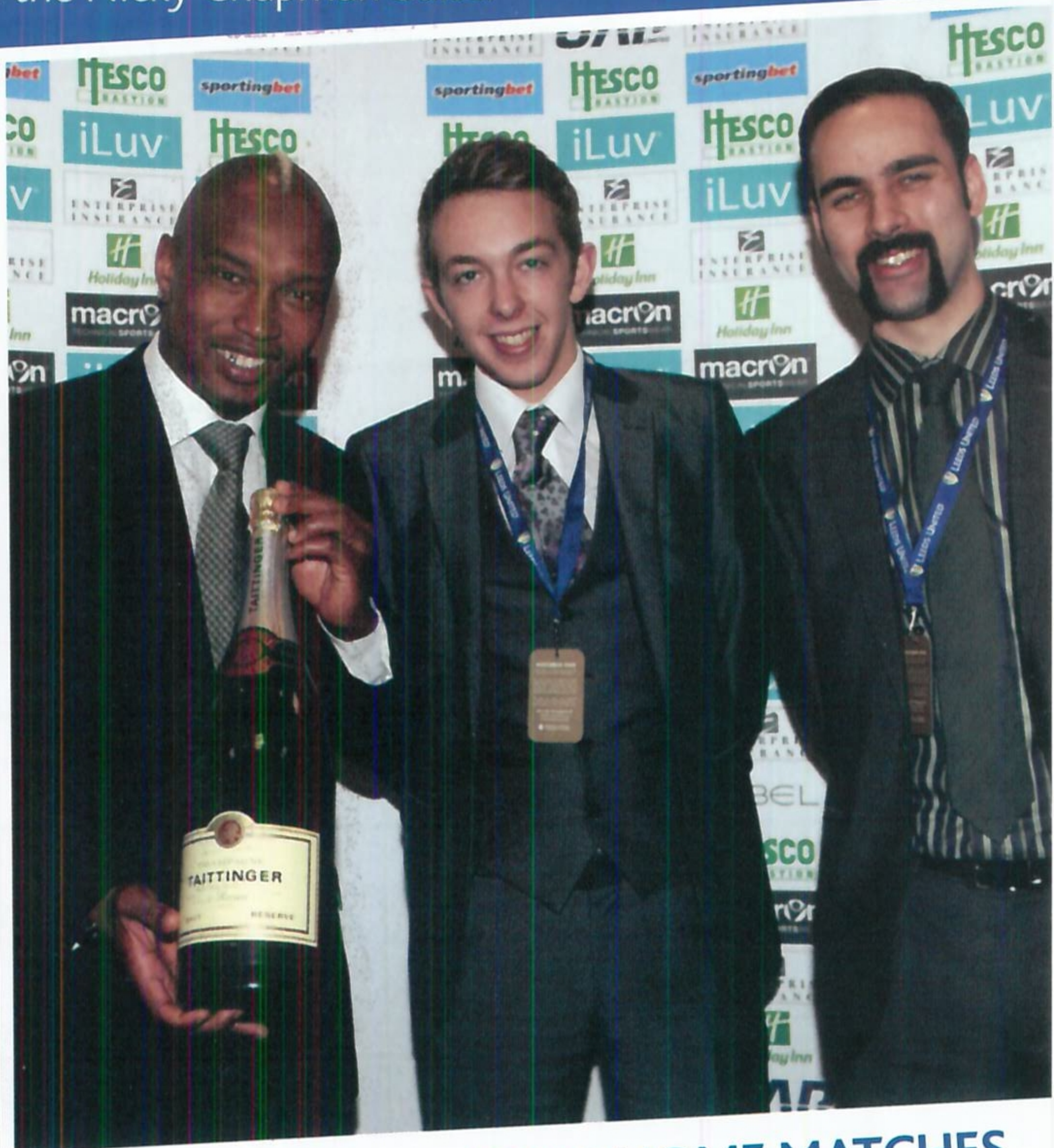


KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE...



World class hospitality at Elland Road in the company of Leeds United Legends

Luxury three course dining, VIP padded match seat, meet Leeds United Legends and hear from the Leeds United Man of the Match in the Nicky Chapman Suite.



HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR ALL 2012/13 HOME MATCHES



YOUR *MATCHDAY*
EXPERIENCE
2012/13 HOSPITALITY

including Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield Town

Nicky Chapman Suite hospitality is
Only £130^{+VAT} per person

v BIRMINGHAM CITY
Saturday 5 January 2013. KO 3pm.



0871 334 1919 (option 3) | sales@leedsunited.com | leedsunited.com

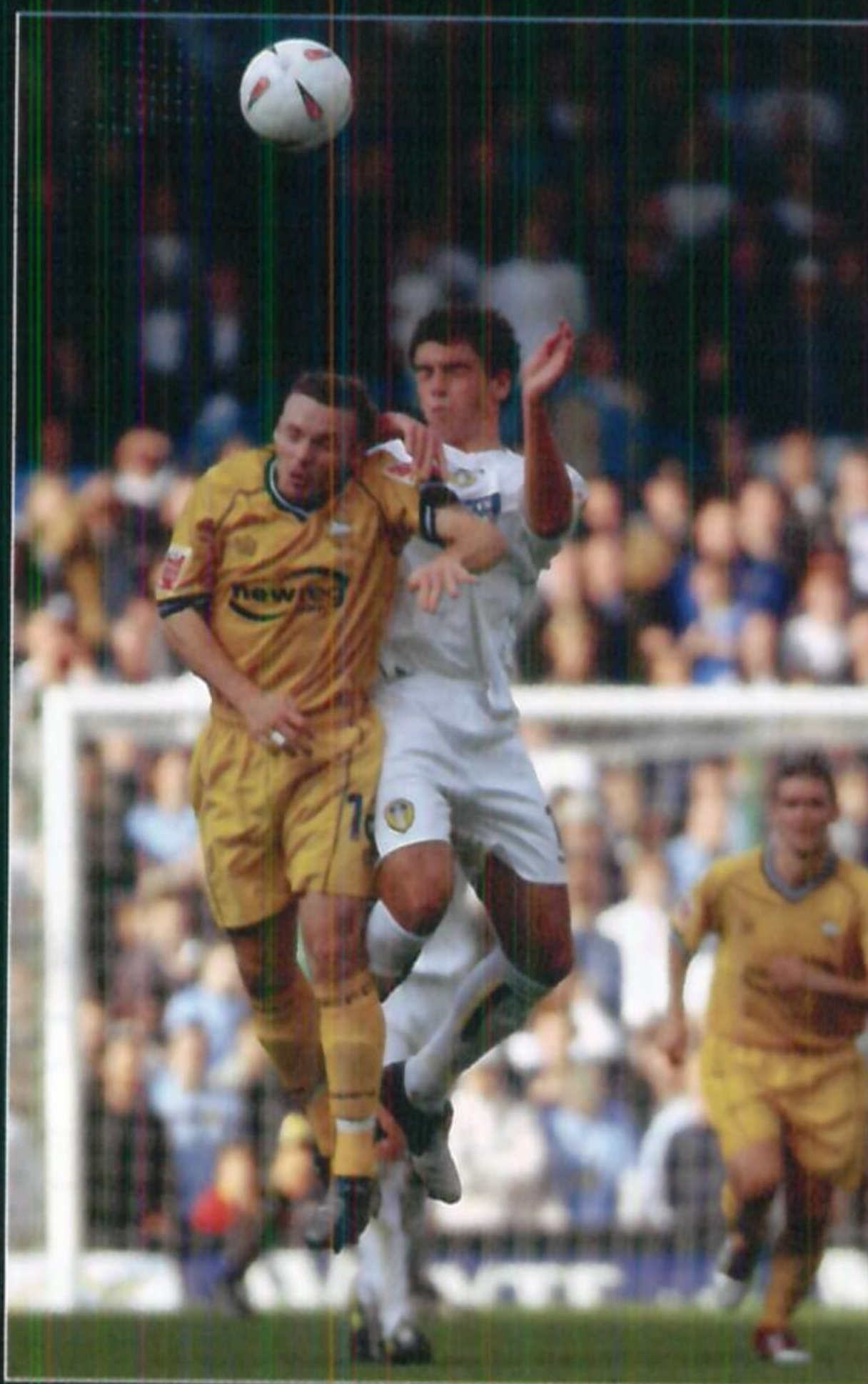
WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

In December, www.leedsunited.com asked you to tell us the answer to the question, Why are you Leeds? Over the next 26 pages are just some of the answers in a WE ARE LEEDS special feature and fans tribute!



First up, **Trevor Erasmus** from South Africa writes to tell us why he is Leeds...

Hi to all Leeds fans in Yorkshire! I've been supporting Leeds United since a game against Preston North End on October 16, 2004. Some would say it was the worst time in the club's history to become a fan, but they would be wrong. The day of the match we, the fans, had heard in the week running up to the game that a certain David Healy had agreed to sign for us. He played for Preston that day but was subbed off in the second half. I was in N11 in the North Stand with some mates including Rob Jones (who first introduced me to Leeds) and all the Kop started singing, "Healy, Healy give us a wave". To be fair to David he got up off the Preston bench and since he knew he'd be a Leeds United player the following week he waved and got a great reception and we all know that he was great for us. That was the moment I fell absolutely in love with LUFC and I will never support another team as long as I live. I follow Leeds on the internet here in SA as I came back home after living in Wakefield, and then up in Pudsey till 2008 during which time I never missed a home game. That also includes when we went to League One and though



some of my SA mates – who I call "Glory Supporters" – have their Premier League teams and laugh at me for flying the flag for LUFC, I have such a passion (thanks to my mate Rob) that I couldn't care whether Leeds were in the Premier League

← David Healy, in the background on the day he waved to Leeds fans in his final outing in a Preston shirt!

→ David Batty:
one meeting
with him and
Liam Mumford
was hooked!

or the Football League I will follow them wherever they go. The greatest reason for the passion though are the other Leeds fans and the atmosphere inside Elland Road and I certainly cannot wait until one day soon to fly over there with my son when we are playing the old enemy in the Premier League at home and let his passion be ignited as mine once was when we all sing Marching On Together. On, on, on Leeds. From your biggest South African fan by far. Thanks also to all the lads who know me as "The South African" who made me feel like a brother during my stay there. I will never forget your spirit and your passion for our beloved LUFC.

Ray Bentley keeps things short and sweet...

My first game was Sheffield Wednesday at home in 1996. I was eight years old, I burst my nose on the way to the game and we got beat 2-0 – but I never looked back I was hooked.



Liam Mumford writes about his first visit...

My first visit and last to Elland Road was when I was six against Fulham, packed it was. Unfortunately we lost that game 1-0. It was what seems to be now, the good old days for my generation; Batty, Ferdinand, Bowyer, Smith, Keane, Fowler... The list goes on. There is one simple reason why I will NEVER forget this game. After the match had run its course, me, my dad, brother and cousin, were waiting for the players to come sign autographs, which is very considerate to the fans after a defeat. They then walked out, I was awe-struck and my dad then got David Batty, my favourite player at the time to shake my hand. So even after a defeat I went home mesmerised by the experience. I'm now a 17-year-old Leeds fan living in Shropshire, planning to move down to Leeds when I get the money to see them play every home game. MOT.



"A

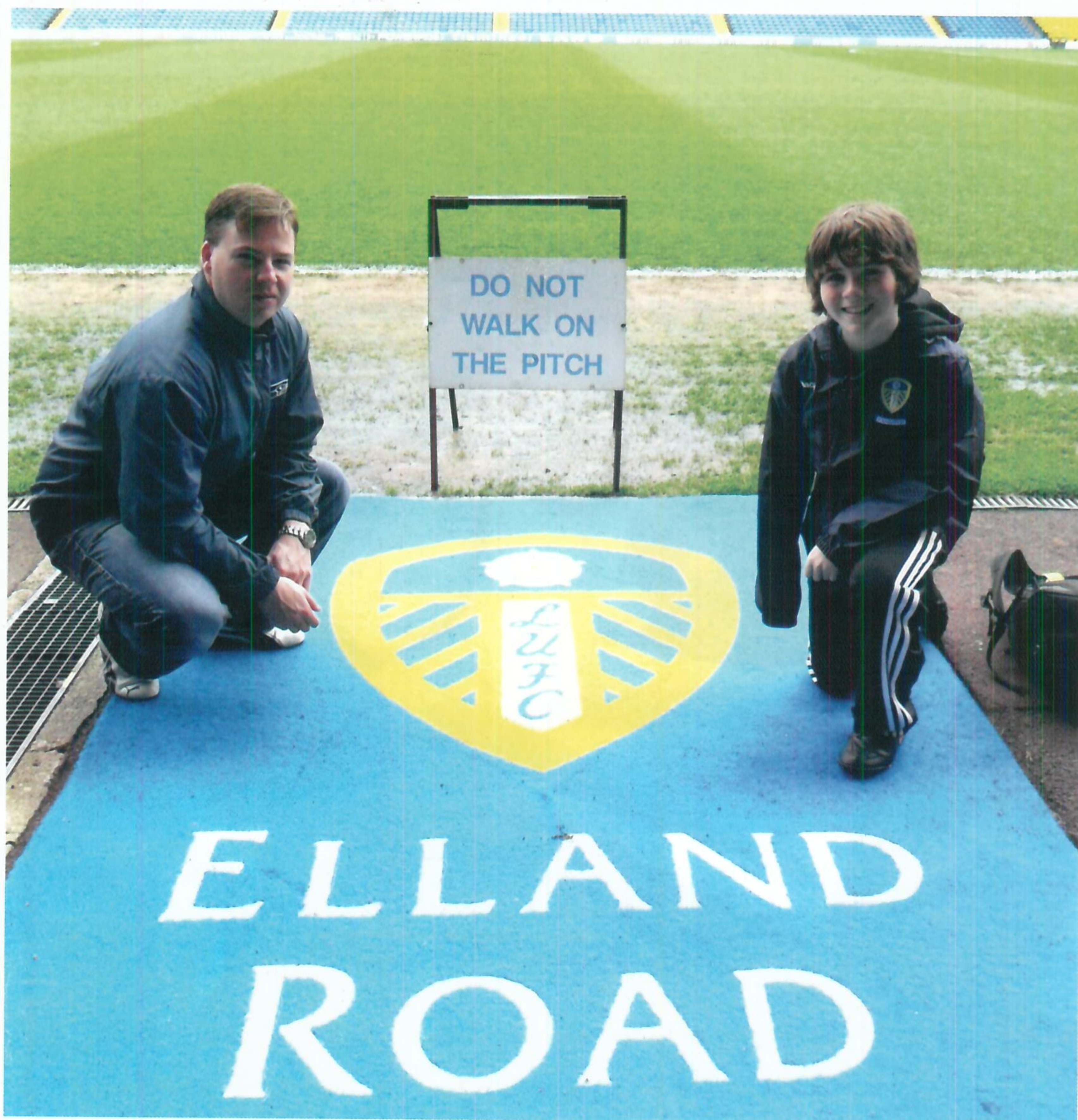
WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

Mike Bundy sent a message from Canada...

We are from British Columbia, Canada and we came over to Leeds for my son's football camp with the Leeds United Foundation in April 2012. We came to the Leeds camp because our coach is a huge Leeds fan. We were football fans but did not have a team before this, we just liked different players. All it took for us was to see two games (Derby and Peterborough) standing in the Kop at Elland Road and that was it. We threw our lot in with the Whites. We saw other teams play on that trip but none came close to Leeds! My 12-year-old

"All it took for us was to see **two games standing in the Kop** at Elland Road **and that was it**"

son now wants to play in the Premier League for Leeds. Living in Canada we do not get to see Leeds play, but I get to follow them on the LUTV updates and the site. We cannot wait for their return to the Premier League so we can see them play again!



Half Price SALE NOW ON!

EXCLUSIVE
£10
OFFER*

Here's an exclusive £10 off just for you to spend in our winter sale! But hurry, nothing this good lasts forever! Just show your season or match day ticket instore OR go online and enter 'LUFC10' to claim your exclusive offer!

Bench. Calvin Klein **DUCK AND COVER** **Firetrap** **FRED PERRY** **GoGo!**
JACK & JONES **LACOSTE** **Levi's** **MISH MASH** *Penguin* **POLICE** **Superdry** **VOI JEANS**



www.greatclothes.co.uk Tel 0113 2350 303 Great Clothes 84 York Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS9 9AA

• Open 7 Days - until 9pm Mon-Fri, 6pm Sat, 5pm Sun • FREE Parking • Open To Everyone!

WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

Sean Leahy from Seaford, New York writes...

Growing up in the US in the '80s I never had a favourite Premier League club, and matches on television here were few and far between. My older brother became a Man United fan, and because I did the opposite of everything he did, I became a Leeds United supporter after watching through the Champions League campaign all the way to the semi-final. I've yet to travel to Elland Road and see the Whites live, but every match I catch on LUTV, no matter the time difference here. MOT!

Clare Waltham writes...

I am a born and bred Leeds lass so supporting Leeds United comes naturally to me. My first game at Elland Road was against Chelsea in April '98, I went with my mum and ever since I've enjoyed going. I have enjoyed sharing my experience with you all.

Philip Mohan tells us Leeds picked him...

Back in 1972, as an 11-year-old, I was deemed too young to go to the football with my older brother Ian. He was, after all, only 13 himself and used to travel by coach from Dewsbury to Elland Road. After pleading with my mum, "Please let me go to watch some football!" she eventually conceded and I was allowed to go with the next-door neighbours who were Manchester United supporters. After going to Old Trafford three times I was allowed to watch Manchester play away at Leeds. So there I was, at the back of the Scratching Shed, watching Leeds United hammer a great Manchester United team 5-1! They say you don't choose who to support, the team chooses you and I had been chosen. I never went back to Old Trafford. I bought a Leeds scarf and the rest, as they say is history. Forty years later, now living in Suffolk, I still get to Elland Road as often as I can. I was there for the Ipswich game with my son and daughter who are both nuts about Leeds. It does scare me sometimes how close I came to being on the dark side.

"I am a **born and bred Leeds lass** so supporting Leeds United comes naturally to me"

Michelle Bichard from Jersey, Channel Islands tell us...

I first started supporting Leeds United when I was about eight years old. I am from Jersey and we don't have a "local" team that play in the Football league. My nan has supported Leeds for over 60 years. She started supporting the club after being evacuated to Leeds during the war. My uncle is also an avid fan. She encouraged me to support the club as she loved them, which I have also done loyally to this day (20 years later!). The rest of my family are avid Manchester United fans so we have good family banter about Football. We have to fly to Leeds to watch games and stay overnight, which I try to do a couple of times a year. My most recent visit was in the Fourth Round of the League Cup against Southampton. I had never seen Leeds win at Elland Road until this time, so to get a victory was great.

Dave Williams writes...

Why Leeds United? I was born in 1959 in Wrexham, North Wales. My first recollection of seeing Leeds was on a small black-and-white TV at my friend's house during the 1965 FA Cup Final versus Liverpool. As I was only six at the time I simply liked the white kit they were wearing – and I felt sorry for them losing in extra-time with only 10 fit players. Everyone in my schooldays supported Man United, Liverpool and Everton in my area. I was the only Leeds fan. And everyone hated Leeds as they were the team to beat in late '60s and early '70s. But I stood up for them and cried many a time when we lost in semis, cup finals, last day league titles etc. It was hard in those days but I have stuck with them through good and bad times. I saw them live for the first time at Anfield in the late '60s when I was among the Liverpool supporters with my white scarf with two Red fans who were mates. I took plenty of good-natured stick but think, from

↓ Billy Bremner in the 1965 FA Cup Final against Liverpool – the game that first inspired Dave Williams.





MACRON OFFICIAL KIT SUPPLIER

EVERY DAY IS A **CHALLENGE**
THAT REQUIRES **DEDICATION** AND **PASSION**



GET READY TO WIN
TOGETHER WE CAN!

www.macron.com
www.macronshop.com

macron[®]
TECHNICALSPORTSWEAR

WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

memory, we drew that day. My favourite player during this time was Billy Bremner as he typified the fight and determination which I wish all Leeds players had! My devotion and love of LUFC has now been moved on to the next generation as my son, 20, is a loyal supporter. Once a White always a White! Marching on Together!

Ryan Swift writes...

One of my earliest memories is that of being at my Nan's house in Beeston on a Saturday afternoon listening out for the crowd at Elland Road. My dad, a lifelong Leeds fan, wanted to get Leeds United running through me from an early age as the rest of kids at my school were either Blackburn Rovers (due to their title win) or Manchester United fans. He wanted me to support a proper team. I can vividly remember my first game, home to Southampton in 1995. He took me to that game because as a young boy who had just started to play football, he wanted me to see not only Leeds legends, Speed and McAllister, but also the genius that was Matt Le Tissier. The game was dull in all honesty and finished 0-0, but the atmosphere... The buzz of the ground and seeing Speed and McAllister control the midfield is something that still lives with me today!

Steve Lunn says family knows best...

Born in Kent, my dad was from Castleford and followed Leeds as his hometown club. (He was posted to Kent while in the Navy.) My brother followed him by supporting Leeds but all my friends growing up were Chelsea. I tried several times to be Chelsea but my dad or brother caught me every time with a borrowed Chelsea hat scarf or badge. As my mates wanted me to be Chelsea, too, they would give me stuff. They gave me no choice but to support Leeds. That was over 40 years ago and I have followed the club ever since, never wavering in my loyalty. Now, when I see dads whose kids follow a different team to them, I think "quitter" – because they gave up on their son following the same team as them. Worse, my brother's son follows Spurs, and I give him grief for it every time I see either of them. I'm just glad my dad kept up his fierce devotion in keeping Chelsea merchandise off of me.

Geoff Biss from the Netherlands writes...

I have lived in the Netherlands for the past 26 years. I am 54 now and I grew up in Shipley in the 1970s. I would go to the matches at Elland Road with a group of guys on an open-top milk-float. We would sing Leeds songs on the way to and from

"I'm just glad my dad kept up his **fierce devotion** in keeping Chelsea merchandise off of me"

Elland Road in all weathers. My best memory was a Leeds against Manchester United game which we won 5-1. I remember standing in the centre of the Kop as a young teenager. Bobby Charlton and George Best played that day and I will never forget the atmosphere. The next week we thrashed Southampton 7-0, those were the days. I fly back to games when I can. Come on Leeds!



Georgie Hicks from Thatcham near Reading writes...

I'm Leeds thanks to my super dad, who started supporting them when he was little, and I wouldn't have it any other way! I travelled a 400-mile round-trip for my first Leeds game back in 2007 versus Luton with my dad and before that I used to watch every TV game with him and listen to every game – not on TV, on LUTV. I remember loving the atmosphere after my first game at Elland Road. All the Luton fans were chucking hotdogs over to the Leeds fans and being 11 I found it great! I go to as many games as I can with my dad now, and still the atmosphere shocks me! My whole bedroom is Leeds-based too. I remember watching the 2005/06 Play-Off final game with my dad on TV, and the picture (above) is of us dressed up before the game. The best game I went to was when we got promoted back to the Championship, I cried with happiness! I love my club, and I'm LUFC for life! Marching On Together, through ups and downs, back to the Premier League!

UAP^{LIMITED}

PROUD SPONSORS OF LEEDS UNITED



PARTNER

MAX6MUM[®] SECURITY

THE BEST DEFENCE FOR YOUR PROPERTY



MAX6MUM SECURITY stands for high quality door security at an affordable price.

The **MAX6MUM SECURITY** range is a low cost, easy to fit solution to upgrade your current home security within seconds.

For more information on Max6mum Security products and how they can improve the security of your property please visit:

www.MAX6MUM-SECURITY.com

AS FEATURED ON



WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?



Ronan Moran from Dublin says...

In 1972 I watched Allan Clarke score his header to win the FA Cup with my dad. We had a black-and-white TV and at 10 years of age white stood out better than the red and white of Arsenal. What captured my attention was not only Clarke but Mick Jones (above, receiving treatment) as he climbed the steps to collect his cup winner's medal. Hooked for life... Leeds till I die. MOT

Keith Peacock from Auckland, New Zealand remembers his first visit...

I saw my first Leeds game in 1969 versus Manchester City. I was seven years old. I travelled up from London with an uncle who was a Leeds fan. The journey seemed to take forever. I remember how big the stadium seemed and how green the pitch was and the smell of the stadium and grass. To actually see the players I had only heard and read about, to feel the excitement and the atmosphere of the crowd was an intoxicating brew. I was Leeds from then on. I was a regular attendee until 1996 home and away, being a Season Ticket Holder first in the West Stand and then the Kop until I moved to New Zealand. I still follow the mighty Whites. My car registration plate is LEEDZ1. I get up and listen to Leeds games live on

the internet in the early hours of Sunday mornings. My wife thinks I'm crazy, I just tell her: "I'm a Leeds fan." Good luck to the lads and the new management team for the rest of the season and into the future from all Leeds fans down here and there are quite a few Leeds shirts and stickers to be seen around. We're Leeds and distance means nothing.

Per-Erik Bergstrom from Sweden you can't swap teams...

Hello my friends! I became a supporter of Leeds as a 10-year-old boy in 1974 when I watched them play on Swedish television on Saturdays. I will follow Leeds as long as I live, because you can switch your car, your wife or your house, but you can never change your favourite football team. There's only one United: Leeds United – MOT!

"You can switch your car, your wife or your house, but you can never change your favourite football team"



PLAY YOUR PART **@FOOTBALL_LEAGUE**

Have your say and keep up with all the action and official news from Football League HQ, as we tweet the hottest issues of the day. Plus, don't miss out on our regular weekly fun and games with **#WheresJon** & **#WheresJackie**!

To follow us, go to www.twitter.com/football_league or to send us a message, tweet **@football_league**



WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

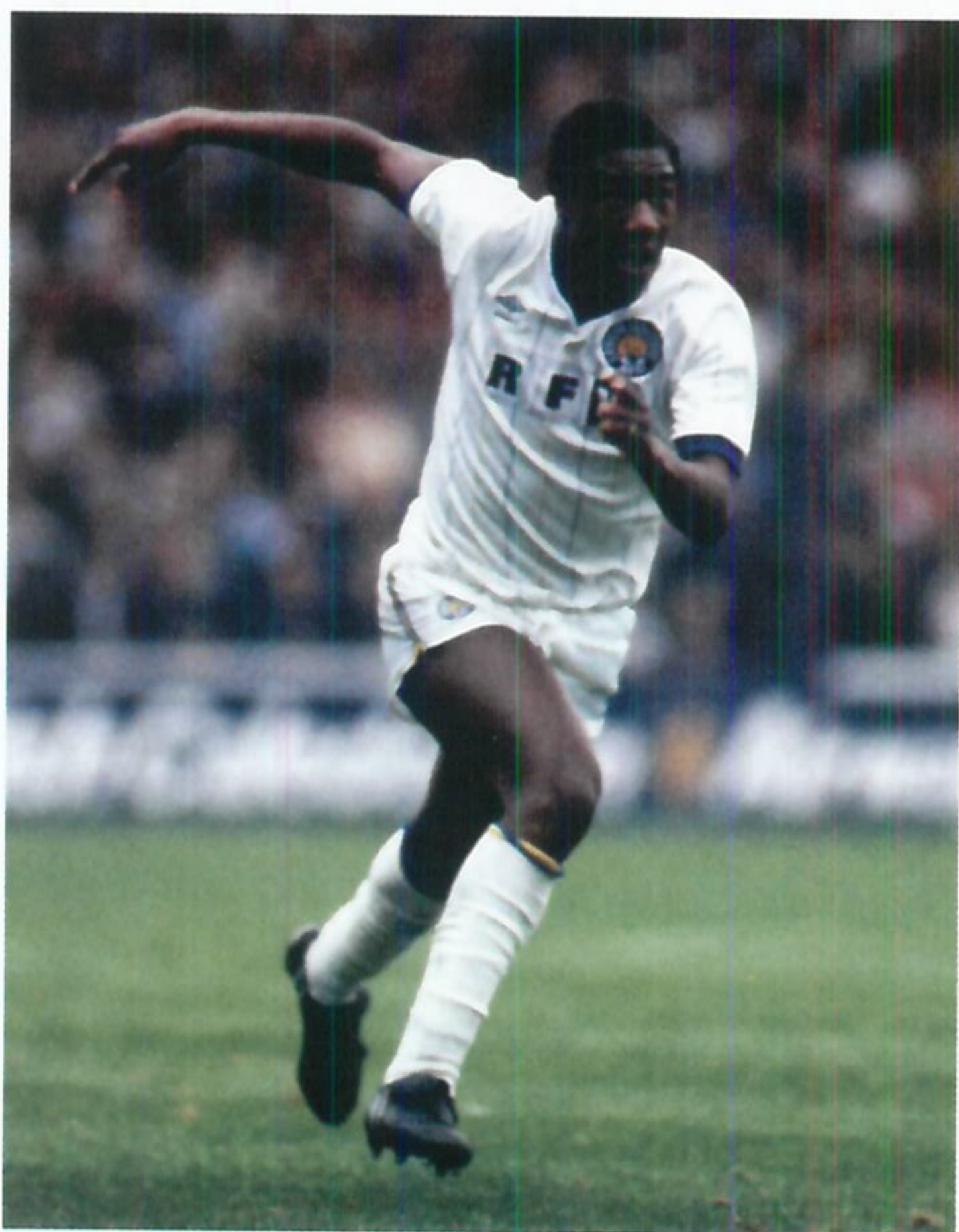


Duncan Bowen writes...

Every time I saw football on television as a little boy, I always supported the team with the most white in their strips. I asked my dad once who the team was on that particular day. And that team was Leeds United. I emigrated to Germany back in '73 but made my Elland Road debut last year, with the help of a friend who knew I was longing to go once in my life. (As a musician I'm not always wealthy enough to come home.) We won against Nottingham Forest 4-1. I had two days spare time to see the town and to play golf for the first time in my life as well.

Roshan Khednah from London tells us...

I have been a Leeds fan since the age of six. My dad started to support them when he came to the UK in the late 1950s. I born was in London, and the first game I went to watch Leeds play was during the 1978/79 season against Arsenal. We won 1-0,



Terry Connor scoring the goal. When Leeds came to play the London teams, I tried to go. I've seen them play Arsenal on more than one occasion. I've watched the games with friends sitting in Arsenal stand. I've also seen them play Tottenham and sat in home section. It was really difficult sitting with the Spurs fans whilst wanting to cheer every Leeds attack. It was only on the way home, on the train, that I could finally let my emotions out. The only time I got to sit in a Leeds United away section was when we played at West Ham United in 2003, which we won 4-3. It was great being with the fans and singing MOT and We Are Leeds and to make it even better it was my birthday as well.

← Duncan Bowen has always liked white.

Keith Parker is keeping it in the family...

I was born in Leeds and lived in Headingley. Until I was nine I was a Leeds Rugby League fan. Then my neighbours asked if I wanted to go to Elland Road and see LUFC! My first game was against Leicester and at half-time we were 2-0 down but won 3-2 and I was hooked. I have just celebrated 50 years as a White. I live in London and get up as often as possible. My son, Matthew, born and bred in London, is 18 and as daft about LUFC as I am. MOT!

Phil Longstaff from Mansfield says...

I was born in 1960 and brought up in the Mining town of Ashington, Northumberland, the birthplace of the Charlton brothers. My grandparents actually lived on the same street as their mother Cissie. And although my uncle was in the same class and football team as Bobby, I actually followed Jackie's career to Leeds. However, due to pit closures in the North East my family moved to Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. I first saw Leeds in 1975 at Derby when Norman Hunter and Franny Lee were sent off for fighting. I started making the 140-mile round trip to Leeds after leaving school and starting work, and still do now with my two sons. Being through good and bad times, but now looking forward to good times again.

Petra Pryce from Devon always kept the faith...

I live in north Devon, where I've been for the last 22 years. Before that I've lived in Norfolk, Berkshire and Sussex – but I've always supported Leeds United. I first started supporting Leeds when I was at school in the 1970s, when I lived in the North East, near Middlesbrough. I began supporting Leeds during the Don Revie era, and my early memories are of Billy Bremner, Allan Clarke, Joe Jordan, Terry Yorath et al. Being a girl (!), most of my friends at school weren't into football and most of the boys supported Middlesbrough, so I

← Terry Connor: got the winning goal when Roshan Khednah saw Leeds for the first time.

**30 YARD SCISSOR KICK.
DEFLECTION. TOE POKE.
GOALS GUARANTEED. TYPE UNKNOWN.**

GOALS. WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

 **#CAPITALONECUP OR SEARCH CAPITAL ONE UK ON** 



WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

was always out on a limb on my own. I enjoyed seeing Leeds play at Middlesbrough, and then had a fantastic trip to Elland Road for the return match. I hope I'll get back there again one day. I've remained a Leeds United supporter throughout our exile from the Premier League, through League One and the Championship, and will remain one long after we return to the Premier League. Nothing's going to change that! Once a Leeds fan, always a Leeds fan!

Joe Sheridan from Dublin remembers the greats...

I was born in December 1956 and have supported Leeds since the first time I ever looked at the league table. Liverpool were first and Leeds were second. I always liked the underdog to win, so I plumped for the team in second place. We went on to win the league that year with a record number of points. United's first title and my first time following them. So who is the lucky mascot? I remember the greats... Giles, Bremner, Jones, Clarke, Lorimer, Gray, Reaney, Charlton and Hunter. With Revie in charge, we were brilliant. I felt every hurt Leeds felt, especially in 1975 when we were beaten in the European Cup Final. I was sad to see Revie leave and even sadder at his death. Captain Billy

"I felt every hurt Leeds felt, especially in 1975 when we were beaten in the European Cup Final"

Bremner was next to go and that was a terrible time for all Leeds fans. Welcome Wilkinson with Strachan, McAllister, Chapman etc and our reign began again. Although fortunes have dipped, I am still caught up in Leeds. However, living in Dublin I have not managed to get to Elland Road yet. MOT. Leeds forever.

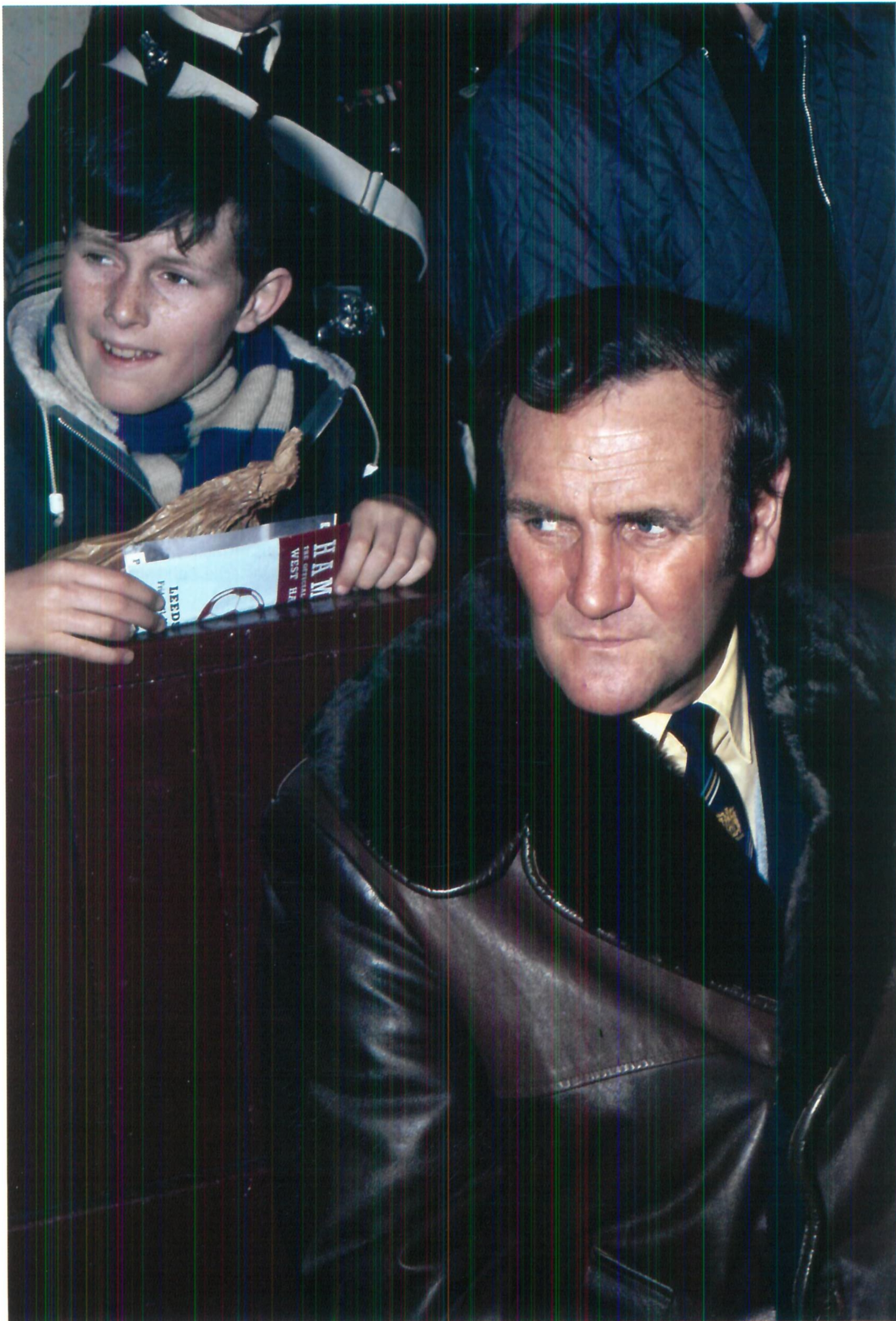
Mick Maloney from Newport, South Wales writes...

I watched Leeds lose to Liverpool in the FA Cup Final in 1965 and decided there and then that they were going to be my team for the rest of my days. I was 13 and from Newport, South Wales and despite losing that day, I saw something that identified them as extraordinary. I saw something that would grip my heart and soul

→ The Don Revie era saw United's popularity rise around the world.

↓ The European Cup Final in Paris 1975 – seconds before Peter Lorimer's goal was disallowed..





WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

with an intensity that only the birth of my children would exceed. The confidence and togetherness of the team as a whole, the way they worked for and looked after each other and the total belief shown in themselves individually and as a unit shone through like a two million Watt candle in the deepest, darkest cave on the planet. I have never considered, even for a split nanosecond transferring my allegiance to any other team. Even in the dark days under the “leadership” of a certain chairman, my mood remained positive, unhappy with events of course, depressed and concerned but never ready to jump ship, not in 10 million years. Being Welsh and supporting an English football team wasn’t as popular and acceptable then as it is now but despite stick from my army mates in my Regiment, 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, at the time nothing could or would alter my support and never will. I’m Leeds till I die and beyond.



“I saw something that would **grip my heart and soul** with an intensity that only the birth of my children would exceed”

Martin Gilson from Buxton tells us...

I grew up near Ipswich and dad took me to Portman Road in the early '70s. I knew I liked football but which team to support? The answer came in February 1972 when I was veering towards Man United and Leeds thrashed them 5-1. As a seven-year-old, my mind was made up. Now, 40 years on, I have enough fabulous memories to outweigh the not- infrequent heartache ≠ and no regrets!

Paul Sleightholm writes...

I’m Leeds through and through after listening to my dad regale stories of the great John Charles and especially his return to Leeds with Juventus to play a friendly. I knew then I had to go to Elland Road and sample the atmosphere which I first did from the Boys Pen for the match against Arsenal in the 1979/80 season – if my memory serves me right we drew 1-1. (Correct! – Ed.) But the noise from the singing and watching the “Mighty Whites” battle away on the pitch was a life-changing experience for a 13-year-old. The pushing and shoving in the pen was unreal and the explosion of noise when we scored was deafening. What a day to be a Leeds fan! All the stories and playing on the park in my replica Leeds kit was made all the more real after that day. And that’s why I am and will always be Leeds.

Peter Cluderay thanks his dad for being Leeds...

I am 63, my current address is in Hertfordshire. I have also lived in Liverpool and Chester, but I am a lifelong Leeds fan, as was my father, my uncles and my brothers. Despite the faraway addresses, I was actually born and bred in Beeston and could hear the noise of the crowds on a Saturday afternoon even before I was ever old enough to go to matches. My dad first took me to Elland Road on Boxing Day 1956, to see Stanley Matthews. We walked down Wesley Street and went in what later became known as the Scratching Shed. We won 5-1! (I had to look that up on the computer because

↗ Jack Charlton: to commemorate his 600th game he held up a trophy, at a testimonial in Huddersfield he held aloft Peter Collins!

← Tales of John Charles enticed Paul Sleightholm.



“My dad gave me Leeds United, and I made a point of thanking him for it when I spoke at his funeral”

the score was the one thing I couldn't remember!) But from then on I was hooked! My dad gave me Leeds United, and I made a point of thanking him for it when I spoke at his funeral. I have been to many, many games, home and away. Still, I was at Millwall in November and Ipswich at home in December. Now, 56 years a Leeds fan, I don't regret a single day!

Pete Collins from Halifax writes...

Born in the mid-1960s in Halifax, with a younger sister, my family moved to Wigan so that my mother could be near her family and my father could get work. We returning to the right side of those hills in the early '70s. As infant and junior school friendships form, each child follows their chosen football team – some Leeds, Huddersfield, Arsenal and, sadly, the other United. My earliest

memory of attendance at a live match was my father taking me to a testimonial for Huddersfield Town player Steve Smith at their old Leeds Road Stadium, between Huddersfield and Leeds United. Though I cannot remember the result, I recall watching in awe those great players I'd heard of on TV, and had pictures of in sticker albums – and my choice was made! It was further enhanced by Jack Charlton, he was presenting prizes at a local football final and as the game went on the crowd was growing and my view obstructed, we were stood quite near to the Jack who noticed my plight, came across, lifted me onto his shoulders and I watched the rest of the match from the high above the rest of the crowd. And he only ever played for the Mighty Whites at club level, Legend.

Mark Vine writes...

My first Leeds game was in 1986 when we played Hull City and we won 3-1 with goals from Ian Snodin and Neil Aspin. I even remember the attendance figure of 13,551! We were in the Kop and paid £1.50 to get in and the older supporters looked after us as we were only 13 years old at the time. I am now a Season Ticket Holder in the North Stand and not too far away from where we used to stand all those years ago. Great memories.



Adis Skejic from Sarajevo tell us about his first trip to Leeds...

I have never really met a football fan who can answer this question... that is just the way it has to be. And so I have been a Leeds fan for about 18 years. My first game was Leeds versus Sheffield Wednesday at Elland Road on March 3, 2007. I went to a Leeds United Mad event, met some Leeds fans and went to game. As I was student at that time, I had everything but money. I cannot explain how happy I am as I write this and I remember all the details from that journey. I travelled alone, and met England-based Leeds United fans before the

game. I stayed in England for four days... travelled from Sarajevo to Zagreb by train, then from Zagreb to London by plane and finally from London to Leeds by train. I slept one night in a cheap hostel, two nights on the train, and one night in Leeds train station. I remember the moment when I had to explain to policeman why I was at the train. He was so shocked, and he just told me to grab my bag, not to allow someone to steal it from me.

↙ ↑ Adis Skejic and Richard Cresswell in action at the first game Adis saw – having come all the way from Sarajevo!

Dean Andrews tell us...

I became a Leeds fan 24 years ago, when I asked a group of my friends who I should support, I was told Manchester United and so I followed them for almost two weeks – to my shame. Then I thought to myself, I live in Bradford and shouldn't be supporting a team from somewhere I have never been to. I decided to see which team was the closest to Bradford and because of the Bradford City fire disaster being all over TV a few years earlier, I didn't think Bradford still had a football team, so I chose the nearest one which was Leeds. Had I have known Bradford still had a team I would today have been a City fan. I think it's hard being a Leeds fan sometimes but it could have been so much worse. MOT.



**SPECIAL AWAYDAY
WEEKEND SPECIAL**



COMPACT CARS

£99

Fully Inclusive.
no hidden extras and
delivered to your door.

**BASED ON
1 WEEKS
RENTAL**



**Nationwide Car Hire is the largest Independent
Car Rental company operating in Leeds.**

**Offering Leeds people the only affordable fully
inclusive rental package.**

TELEPHONE
01132 79 89 99

restrictions may apply

nationwidecarhireuk.com
driven by you

WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

Adam Smith writes...

When I was a kid, my grandad was a groundsman at Elland Road and my dad was a steward. My grandad told me a story of how he met Mel Sterland. My mum took me to Leeds town hall aged six and I saw the open top bus with the players presenting the 1991/92 Championship trophy. It's in my blood to support Leeds United.

"My mum took me to Leeds town hall aged six and **I saw the open top bus** with the players presenting the **1991/92 Championship trophy**"



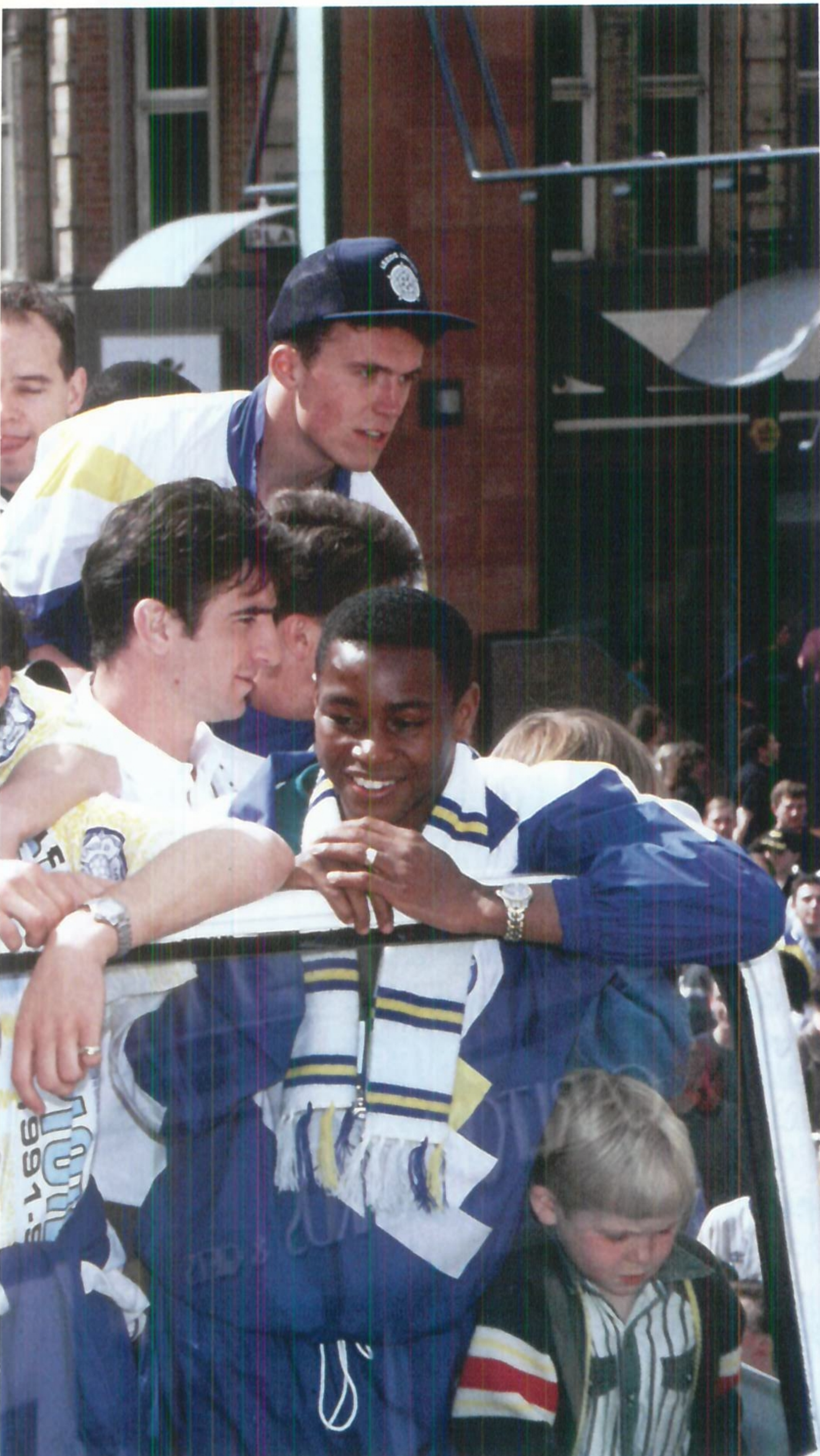
Carl Evans tells us how it all began...

My love affair with Leeds began back in 1972. I walked into the living room just to see the end of the Centenary Cup Final. I was six years old and loved kicking a ball but as I lived in the deepest darkest area of west Wales I had no obvious team to support. I had no idea who had played, but my heart went out to a player in white being helped

up the steps to collect his medal, he was obviously in agony with every step he climbed. It was Mick Jones with his dislocated elbow. I was moved by the pain and effort on his face, I asked my dad what team he played for and he said Leeds United. So began my life long obsession with the Whites that has caused me joy and heartache in equal measures. If it was an Arsenal player who had dislocated his shoulder then I would have been an Arsenal fan. It wasn't until the mid-1980s that I made my first trip to Elland Road – an unforgettable experience.

Dave Simpson writes...

Why is a lad born in Stoke on Trent in 1961 a Leeds fan? Glory hunting? Not a bit of it! Every Saturday evening when I was about four I would wait by the front door for our local paper to be delivered. I would then sit on my dad's knee as he read the football results out and as my reading skills increased I was able to make out one team name in particular – Leeds. Leeds then became the first team I would look out for every Saturday. That ritual has grown into nearly 47 years of support through the great, and not so great, years. And as my dad played his role in creating my passion for the Mighty Whites so I have more overtly passed on my love for Leeds to my son Alex – the photograph shows him at his first Leeds game in 2003. Now as a new era beckons let's hope for a return to the Premier League!



↑ Alex Simpson, Dave's son.

← The Champions' parade of 1992, remembered by Adam Smith.

UPTO

50% OFF OFF OFF OFF

KIT

50% OFF Home Kit: shirts, shorts and socks

50% OFF 2nd Away Kit: shirts, shorts and socks

50% OFF Ladies Shirts

30% OFF Mens Home Shirts, including standard fit, bodyfit and long sleeved

NIGHTWEAR AND SLIPPERS

50% OFF all PJs, dressing gowns and slippers

LEISUREWEAR

Up to 50% OFF selected mens jackets

Up to 50% OFF selected mens sweatshirts and hoodies

Up to 30% OFF selected mens t-shirts

Up to 50% OFF selected junior leisurewear

Up to 50% OFF selected Ladies leisurewear

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND LINES

Up to 50% OFF selected gifts and souvenirs
including supporter troll and plush mini ball

50% OFF 2013 calendar and 2013 annual

Up to 30% OFF selected footballs

**Available at the Elland Road Superstore
and online at leedsunited.com**

“The **greatest team ever** grabbed me back in 1969 as an eight-year-old: Sprake, Reaney, Cooper, Bremner, Charlton, Hunter, Lorimer, Clarke, Jones, Giles, Gray... and the Don”

Thomas Hewell from Derby remembers his very first game...

My family tried to convert me to the local team but when I saw the Whites on *Match Of The Day* giving Chelsea a caning while playing in their outstanding white kit... I was Leeds! I think I was about nine years old. My first game was when an older Leeds mate took me on the train to watch us play Stoke City. We won easily, 3-0. I remember Billy Bremner going down in the box for a penalty seemingly critically injured. When the ref waved play on Billy looked up, got up and dusted himself down and ran back up the pitch. Another memory of Leeds is when I arranged a business trip to South Africa to coincide with a Leeds tour match in Pretoria. That was around the time that Phil

Masinga and The Chief were signed by Sgt Wilko. The atmosphere at the Loftus Versfeldt Stadium was incredible with a local tribe parading around the pitch while the match was in play chanting and beating their drums. My son Thomas is also a passionate White who like me enjoys the great atmosphere, good humour and the never give in attitude. Marching on together – always.

Richard Beck and family remember the greats...

I am from Whitehaven in Cumbria. The greatest team ever grabbed me back in 1969 as an eight-year-old: Sprake, Reaney, Cooper, Bremner, Charlton, Hunter, Lorimer, Clarke, Jones, Giles, Gray... and the Don. Now my sons, daughter and wife are Leeds, memories and history are made of this.

↓ Lucas Radebe was always popular with fans, including Thomas Hewell.



WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

Daniel Millan writes...

I was born in 1965 and I guess when I was old enough to understand and remember where I was born and what football was, Leeds was my choice. Not only because it was where I was born but because they had players playing for England. I used to watch the FA Cup Final on or around my birthday and always remembered the first FA Cup on my fifth birthday when we took on Chelsea, and the subsequent replay, which gave me the passion. Following the victory in 1972 over Arsenal my support was never in doubt and remember countless games of Subbuteo where I had to be Leeds all the time, my sister would play as Derby just to irritate me. After following Leeds for 40-odd years after returning to the UK after living in Australia I saw my first live game at Elland Road in September 2006 against Birmingham City where we beat them 3-2. When I came up the steps up to the John Charles West Stand and saw the stadium open up before me for the first time I was overcome with emotion that I felt I had come home and this is where I belonged. I was rewarded with a win and an excellent game. I live in Manchester now and my brother-in-law is a Man United fan. He hates that I support the Whites and when we draw a fixture against them we always watch it together. No matter where we are in the grand scheme of things it's never certain what the result will be.

“When I came up the steps up to the John Charles West Stand and saw the stadium open up before me for the first time **I was overcome with emotion** that I felt I had come home and **this is where I belonged**”

Graham Langrish from Southampton tells us...

My first recollection of Leeds United was the 1965 FA Cup Final as an eight-year-old, which we lost to Liverpool. I was mad on football as a kid and played for the school team. I was left-footed and played on the right wing as we had a left-footed winger. However, living in south London one was expected to support Crystal Palace or Millwall, but Leeds versus Liverpool was the first cup final I remember and for whatever reason my choice was Leeds – I didn't even know where in the county Leeds was! Even through the 1966 World Cup with Moore, Hurst and Peters, and most kids became





“Once we lost to Chelsea in the 1970 final I was stuck on Leeds for ever”

West Ham fans but with Big Jack in the England team I stuck with Leeds. Next came senior school where Lenny Laurence was my form teacher and the start of the glorious '70s when Leeds were pretty much unbeatable and this cemented my love of the might Whites. My first ever game I went to was Crystal Palace versus Leeds which we won. I went with a friend from school that was a Palace fan and stood with all the Palace fans behind the goal, which was a bit embarrassing when we scored as I leapt up and down to celebrate, not really understanding it's not the done thing. Once we lost to Chelsea in the 1970 final I was stuck on

↑ Jack Charlton scoring in the 1970 FA Cup Final against Chelsea.

Leeds for ever. Now my son is also a big Leeds fan and we are both looking forward to the glory days returning to Elland Road.

Nick Green from Atlanta, USA writes...

I was taken by my dad in the late '60s and as rare as it was back then he travelled for work so I didn't see him as much as I wanted. We got Season Tickets when we moved back to Leeds but then left for the USA. While in Leeds we never missed a match, through one medium or another. I am ashamed to say that I don't keep in touch with my mates but always Leeds and I have converted many Americans. Y'all keep winning now!

Ian Garside from Melbourne, Australia tell us...

Born in 1958 to parents who were living in Leeds at the time, it was kind of bred in me to be a Leeds United supporter. My one and only time I saw Leeds play was at Elland Road in the

WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

late '60s, possibly 1968 when Mick Jones scored the only goal against Liverpool. Later that same year we emigrated to Australia. I did return for a visit in 1980, but it was between seasons. We had a tour of Elland Road with the score of the last game played still on display. It read: Leeds United 3 Manchester United 1. Eddy Gray was manager and he apologised to us that he had a meeting, otherwise a personal tour was on the offering.

William Hoogendam from Holland tells us his memories...

My first memory of Leeds United? I was stunned by the game of Barcelona versus Leeds in 1975. I was born in '63, so aged 11 and sitting in my PJs in front of the black-and-white television, the whole Dutch nation was thrilled by Cruyff and Neeskens. But Leeds was so magnificent that night, a white army thundering Europe. I was totally lonely in the schoolyard, my friends were picking on me – traitor! But I was proud, I want a white shirt, I want to be... Joe Jordan and I want to go to the

final. A month later a bitter disappointment in Paris: Bayern Munich steals the victory. A fine goal from Leeds cancelled, tears for a long time. But for almost 40 years now, for better and for worse, I'm the greatest fan of Leeds United in Holland. Following all the games ever since through papers, sports magazines, telephone and later the internet – or in a sports bar in the centre of Rotterdam. Good luck to you guys and see you next year in the Premier League.

Mark Farwell says it was the colour white...

I watched the 1965 FA Cup Final and there on the screen was a little fella in white shaking hands with a big fella in an all-dark strip. I looked up to my dad and uncle and said I am going to support the team in white: Leeds United. Later I discover the fellas shaking hands were Bobby Collins and Mick Yeates. And so began my romance with Leeds United as all my friends were Chelsea, Spurs, Arsenal, Man United or Liverpool, and I have supported through thick or thin.

↓ Celebrations after Allan Clarke's goal against Barcelona at Elland Road in 1975.



“The whole Dutch nation was thrilled by Cruyff and Neeskens. But Leeds was so magnificent that night, **a white army thundering Europe**. I was totally lonely in the schoolyard, my friends were picking on me – traitor!

**PROTECTED
FROM JUST
£9.95**
FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS

There's an Unsung Hero at your club



Protect your own from just £9.95 a month

Look after your boiler and your boiler will look after you
– which is why boiler and central heating care is worth every penny.

All our plans include:

- ✓ Full annual boiler service worth £99
- ✓ Parts and labour
- ✓ 24/7 UK based helpline



Give your unsung hero the care it deserves.

Visit npower.com/footballDave

Or call
0800 975 6613 and quote **A182P**

We're here to help 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm Saturday.

home **npower**
team

Bob Farrand remembers the days...

I was born in Leeds and my dad took me to Elland Road in the days when there was a Boys Pen at one end and it was safe to put your child there while the parents stood in the main stand. My earliest memory is in 1957 when a newspaper seller with a sandwich board announced the departure of John Charles to Juventus. Adults above the Boys Pen were in tears. I feel very privileged that I watched Leeds through its transition with Don Revie to a top team, particularly seeing players like Bremner and Cooper moved to different positions and blossoming into international players.



The name for private hire in South Leeds

- No call out charges
- Charged only from pick up to drop off day or night
- 130+ vehicles all data and GPS linked
- Company accounts welcome

CARS
SOUTH LEEDS
& HUNSLLET
24/7



Safe ● **Local** ● **Honest** ● **Caring**

24 Hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year - we're here to serve you

☎ **0113 2777 222**

WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

Bailey Acton writes about his first game...

I have been a Leeds fan all my life, my dad influencing. I am born and bred Leeds. But the time I became a true Leeds fan was when I saw my first game. It was December 2010, every airport and train station was closed and cars were sparse because it had snowed heavily for days. We just had to go, so, me, my dad and my step-mom made the long journey from Littlehampton, near Brighton, all the way to Leeds. It took six hours but I was fuelled knowing the game was the next day. So, on the 18th we arrived at Elland Road to watch United play top of the league QPR. I got a glorious home kit in the store, which is still too big as it tried it on wearing five layers. The atmosphere was amazing, you could just feel a buzzing. 30 thousand of us chanted "Waccoc" and "You should have gone Christmas shopping" to the QPR fans. We took the lead in the 25th minute through Max Gradel and he sealed the victory in the 70th minute. We were dominant and played beautiful football and defended very well. That's how I became a true supporter of the Peacocks.

Graham Thrower writes...

Back in 1970 when I was eight years old I watched Leeds versus Chelsea in the FA Cup Final.

"The **atmosphere was amazing**, you could just feel a buzzing"

We drew the first game and lost the replay but this eight-year-old was hooked. I grew up in Eastbourne miles from my beloved Leeds dreaming of the day I would get to Elland Road. Years passed my dream never faded seeing them at the Goldstone Ground in Brighton and Crystal Palace but still never getting to Elland Road. I got married, had two children with my son Andrew brought up in the right way being a Leeds fan. As Andy grew up we both still loved Leeds and now both dreamed of going to Elland Road. Then last year I joined the supporters club and noticed the centenary dinner for our Championship-winning team and the next day playing Cardiff City. I booked the dinner for me and Andy plus a tour of the ground and tickets for the game. We had the tour and dinner and met a fellow Leeds fan Paul from Birmingham and since that magical day have been back half-a-dozen times now always with Paul and we also went to the Amex this year to see another great game.

↓ Max Gradel: scoring the second of his brace in the 2-0 win over QPR in November 2010 – that sealed it for Bailey Acton!

→ United training in the 1970s.





Jo Halliwell for Abby and Victor writes...

My daughter Abby (pictured below) has been a Leeds fan since she was four years old when she was taken to matches by her dad. When Abby was seven she moved to Spain. However, she continued to support Leeds, through good and bad times. Going to matches whenever she was visiting the UK including special trips for the games against Man United, Arsenal and the Play-Offs. Last year Abby returned to being a Season Ticket Holder as she was old enough to fly on her own so flew back regularly to see Leeds play. In September this year Abby returned to the UK to live, and her Spanish boyfriend came with her and was introduced to Leeds United. He has been overawed by the support that Leeds gets and they are now both Season Ticket Holders and go to all the home games and as many away games as possible. Victor is a Real Madrid fan so supporting Leeds in their white kit inspired by Real Madrid seems the right thing to do. The picture shows them kitted out for a match.



WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

“My best early memory is being taken into the dressing room before a Boxing Day derby against Huddersfield Town and **getting the ball that I got for Christmas the previous day signed** by all the players”

Matthew Clark from Glasgow writes...

Although I've lived in Scotland all of my life, my nana was from Beeston and my grandad took me to my first ever Leeds game in April 1982 against Southampton during the days of Frank Worthington and his infamous mullet. Leeds lost 3-1 that day but one trip to Elland Road and I was hooked. From then, I came down every school holiday and my grandad would take me to the games with our usual ritual of a pie before the game from the café opposite the ground which Terry Yorath's sister used to own. My best early memory is being taken into the dressing room before a Boxing Day derby against Huddersfield Town and getting the ball that I got for Christmas the previous day signed by all the players. I still make the 500-mile round-trip as often as I can and my nana and grandad are both laid to rest a stone's throw away from the ground at Cottingley Crematorium so they're always in my thoughts whenever I'm at Elland Road. Leeds have a massive Scottish connection and I always have and always will love the club and what it means to be a Leeds United supporter.

Mark Harris from Fleetwood tells us...

I first started following Leeds in 1970 after the FA Cup Final against Chelsea in my town where I come from most people followed Man United, Liverpool or Blackpool. When I got to high school I met other lads who followed Leeds, it was there that we started to call ourselves the Fleetwood Whites and it was quite a shock how many people from Fleetwood followed Leeds. In 1976 I went



to my first game at Elland Road against Arsenal and we won 3-1. In those days we used to get to Leeds by catching the National Express coach from Blackpool but coaches in those days weren't express like they can be now. Other Fleetwood Whites who came in those days were Geoff Wylie and Dave Scrivener. We used to have to get the tram to Blackpool which took 30 minutes, then we got the service coach which stopped at every town in Lancashire and Yorkshire before arriving in Leeds four hours later – and again on the way back... Four and a half hours to travel 85 miles! I remember one time we wanted to watch Leeds versus Everton on New Year's Day but there was no public transport in those days. So we had to

↑ Frank Worthington: an early-'80s "mullet" haircut fondly remembered by Matthew Clark (below, with Ross McCormack).





↑ Mark Harris of the Fleetwood Whites.

→ Allan Clarke circa 1970: this card made Alan Robb a Leeds fan!

walk to Blackpool (which took us an hour) then made a four-hour journey to Leeds – only to be told the game was abandoned. We had to wait until 6pm for the coach back then after another four-hour journey and one-hour walk home we arrived home at 11pm. Who said us Leeds fans are not a special breed?! No matter what the ups and downs, we have we are always there. In the '80s and '90s we did not attend many games and it was not until 2001 when my mate Geoff could not make the Man United game, due to a wedding, he gave me his ticket and what a result. A 1-0 win due to a Harry Kewell goal and that was it, the bug was back. I have been a season ticket holder ever since despite us tumbling down the leagues but I like to think we are loyal Leeds fans and hopefully we will be back to the Premier League sooner rather than later. The other Fleetwood Whites have struggled to get to games lately due to financial and family reasons so I make the 170-mile drive on my own most of the time. My wife thinks I am mad but I have made a lot of friends over the years who I meet at Leeds and although born and bred in Fleetwood I like to think of myself as an adopted Yorkshireman and they treat me as that.



A. Clarke (Leeds)

Alan Robb from Sion Mills, Northern Ireland tells us why...

I recall as a seven-year-old back in 1970 collecting the football cards that came with the square piece of bubbly and announcing to my dad that whatever team I got the most of would be the team that I was going to support. I had 11 Leeds and 11 Wolverhampton Wanderers players and I remember getting a packet one Sunday night and lo and behold Allan Clarke was in that packet and thank goodness I never got any more Wolves players. I have never ever regretted that decision. Living in Northern Ireland I don't get to as many games as I would like but I have been to Elland Road whenever I can and have taken my daughter, Kirsty who is also Leeds, AND WE'RE PROUD OF IT!

“Whatever team I got the most of would be **the team that I was going to support....** thank goodness I never got any more Wolves players”

**TURN
YOUR
BACK!**



LEEDS UNITED®

Stand **UNITED** and make your feelings
clear on vile and sick chanting.

Steve Wood from Australia writes...

Hi guys, I've been in Australia since 1967 having spent my youth in Leeds as I was born and bred there. In my youth I played for Pudsey Juniors and was lucky enough to have a couple of games with Leeds United Juniors. I've played against Billy Bremner, Paul Reaney and I knocked about a bit with David Harvey and there's got to be more but I'm 66 now and the memory is not what it used to be. We spent a bit of time with the lads even though I was younger than some of them at the Mecca dance hall which is probably why I didn't make it any further! Anyway, I'm still a Leeds United lad and supported them through the good and bad and we need to get back to the Premier League.

"I've played against Billy Bremner, Paul Reaney and I knocked about a bit with David Harvey"

Ben Scott writes...

My first game was Fulham at Elland Road on August 27, 1984, I had just turned four that month. I recall my dad coming home from work at dinner time saying he would take me back with him for the afternoon... the reality was different. I was going onto the old Lowfields with dad and his pals to watch Leeds United, a fascination was born that day that is still as strong at 32. My mother got a shock at quarter-past-five when I arrived home running down the path declaring where dad had taken me. As a kid, the atmosphere generated at Elland Road was electric. A midweek game, the old floodlights on – the tallest in Europe – the Kop and Lowfields full before kick-off, the players running out in a crisp white kit to "Eye Of The Tiger"... It was all unreal. As kid I recall going down to watch the players train at Fullerton Park and going in the club that used be next old souvenir shop. I knew Leeds were not reaching full potential when I fell in love at the time, but had in years gone by and that belief it could happen again made me want to be there when the good times did come back. And I have installed the same sense of loyalty and heritage into my two kids now. Stick with your team through the poorer times and when the good times arrive you will appreciate them more.



WHY ARE YOU LEEDS?

Bradley Elgood, an Australian currently in London tell us...

I'm an Australian Leeds fan and have been as long as I can remember. Leeds have always been well followed in Australia due to so many Australians being part of this great club. I remember my first ever Leeds match was in Melbourne 2002. I travelled down from Sydney with my dad for my 13th birthday to watch Leeds play Colo Colo from Chile. I have been an International Member for many years now but after so many years of early mornings listening to live commentary I decided to move to the UK on a two-year working holiday visa. I am now living in London and travelling to as many Leeds matches as possible. My first visit to Elland Road was for the Gary Speed tribute match against Millwall. I did the stadium tour on the Friday and went to the match on Saturday. It was an amazing experience which I will never forget. One of the best experiences I have had though supporting Leeds was meeting a group of fellow Leeds fans on the train from London to Bolton this season. They are a great bunch of



people and I meet up with them at every match I can get to. We even had a Christmas lunch together before the Ipswich match. It's meeting fans like this who have made my time over here following Leeds even more worthwhile. I just hope that we can win promotion to the Premier League before my visa runs out. Oh and a few more tours in Australia wouldn't hurt!

↑ Aussie Bradley Elgood at Elland Road. A long way to travel for a home game!





freebet

Claim your £50 risk free bet!

Everyone deserves a second chance...

***So if your first bet loses we'll refund
your money as a free bet, up to £50!***

Claim your risk free bet at www.sportingbet.com online or on mobile



sportingbet
Official Betting Partner





LU LADIES: MARCHING ON INTO 2013

Guided by an exciting partnership between the parent club Leeds United, Ringways MG and the Leeds United Foundation, Leeds United Ladies FC have again established themselves as one the leading lights in ladies football.

Having suffered defeat in the final of last season's Premier League Cup and having missed out on last season's FA Women's Premier League title by a solitary point, Leeds entered 2012/13 with a steely determination to take that elusive final step back to glory.

Led by Andy Burgess – former Rushden & Diamonds legend and previous first team coach of the ladies – the club's summer recruitment saw them pull together one of the most talented squads in the Premier League.

Captained by Clare Sykes, who was nominated as a First Team All American during her time in the US collegiate system, the squad combines a number of established Premier League players with a host of local young talent, some of whom have been with the club since the age of 10.

Currently sitting third in the Women's Premier League, Leeds have played well enough so far this season to ensure their destiny is very much in their own hands. With a game in hand on second placed Watford (who Leeds beat 2-1 away from home in September), Leeds' main focus for the



new year will be to catch last season's double-winners and main rivals Sunderland. With Leeds currently eight points behind the league leaders but with a game in hand and both league fixtures against Sunderland to come, their title dream is most definitely still alive.

Outside of their league campaign, Leeds have made progress on all fronts so far this season. Having topped a qualifying group ahead of defending champions Sunderland in the Premier League Cup, Leeds now look forward to a January 13 quarter-final tie away to Yeovil. Leeds also became the first club to book a semi-final spot in this season's County Cup having amassed a staggering 52

goals without reply. With the Women's FA Cup Third Round draw still to come, the club are in a strong position to challenge for four trophies this season.

January 2013 promises to be the crucial month in the hunt for silverware. In addition to the Premier League Cup quarter-final, January 20 sees Leeds host arguably their biggest game of the season as they entertain Sunderland at Throstle Nest, the home ground of the Ladies. That Premier League fixture is scheduled for a 2pm kick off and promises to be the game of the season so far.

To find out more about Leeds United Ladies FC or to follow the girls progress throughout the season please visit www.leedsunitedladies.com. With up-to-date player profiles, stats, live match feeds and information on how you can come and support the team, it truly is the best place for all your Leeds United Ladies needs.



RINGWAYS
MOTOR GROUP



2012/13 PLAYER SPONSORS



NEIL WARNOCK



MICK JONES

Sponsorship available!
Call Commercial on
0871 334 1919 (option 3)



1 PADDY KENNY

PARKER ENGINEERING AND TRANSMISSIONS
www.parker-eng.co.uk
INDUSTRIAL GEARBOX SPECIALISTS
Tel: 01274 730 340



2 LEE PELTIER



3 ADAM DRURY



Tel 01706 370001 Fax 01706 370002



4 TOM LEES

BLUE HELIX
Your network needs...
...our solutions



5 JASON PEARCE



SCARBOROUGH WHITES
www.scarboroughwhites.co.uk



6 PATRICK KISONORBO

Sponsorship available!
Call Commercial on
0871 334 1919 (option 3)



7 PAUL GREEN

Prima
The Contractors Accountant



8 RODOLPH AUSTIN

ENTERPRISE INSURANCE



10 LUCIANO BECCIO



The home of fine fish & chips



11 LUKE VARNEY

spraytrucks



12 JAMIE ASHDOWN

Sponsorship available!
Call Commercial on
0871 334 1919 (option 3)



14 AIDAN WHITE



0113 245 5677
www.ppc-ops.co.uk



16 DANNY PUGH

WOODEN FLOOR ACCESSORIES
ONE STOP STORE TO FIT YOUR
WOODEN FLOOR
WWW.WOODENFLOORACCESSORIES.CO.UK



17 MICHAEL BROWN



GLASGOW HUDDERSFIELD NEWRY



19 DAVID NORRIS

FALCONER STEWART CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
Accountants and Management
Consultants 028 90 474100



20 ANDY GRAY



21 EL HADJI DIOUF



22 ROBBIE ROGERS

Sponsorship available!
Call Commercial on
0871 334 1919 (option 3)



23 ZAC THOMPSON

Sponsorship available!
Call Commercial on
0871 334 1919 (option 3)



24 PAUL CONNOLLY

Sponsorship available!
Call Commercial on
0871 334 1919 (option 3)



25 SAM BYRAM

WHITE ROBIN CONSULTING
JOHN & DEBBIE THOMPSON



26 DOMINIC POLEON

Sponsorship available!
Call Commercial on
0871 334 1919 (option 3)



44 ROSS McCORMACK



LEIGH BROMBY

EMMA JANE AND BEV SHACKLETON

WE'RE ALL GOING ON A EUROPEAN TOUR

As the season unfolds let **STEVE FIRTH** take you on an alphabetical journey around all the great continental cities Leeds United have visited...

TODAY: **O FOR OSLO**

THE TOWN

Norway's capital is one of the most expensive cities in the world to live in, the cost of a beer there three or four times those in the UK.

Oslo is Norway's centre for government and economics as well as being a home for Modernist architecture and high culture. Artist Edvard Munch, who painted *The Scream*, is probably the city's most well-known (former) resident.

Going slightly down the cultural ladder, crime fiction author Jo Nesbø lives in Oslo, which is appropriate as German travel guide Dumont described Oslo as "the crime capital of Scandinavia" and the city's crime statistics are, surprisingly, worse than New York and other major cities.

Norway's weather means winter sports such as skiing and biathlon provide football with tough competition for the public's favour, as does the world-famous Bislett Stadium the scene of many a world-record breaking athletic feat.

It doesn't help when Oslo's main soccer club is Vålerenga Fotball, hardly a team to set the pulse racing on a freezing Norwegian Saturday afternoon.



unique, the like which hadn't been seen before and probably won't be seen again: Lyn Oslo are the only team Leeds United have ever scored 10 goals against. Thank you, Lyn, thank you.

Lyn Oslo were one of the strongest Norwegian teams in the early part of the 20th century – winning the Norwegian Cup four years in a row from 1908 to 1911.

They struggled to follow that and took until 1964 to win their first league title before following it up with the league and cup double in 1968. Those who thought this would be the start of a great era for Lyn had to suffer the disappointment of relegation in 1969 and decades of the club yo-yoing up and down the divisions with numerous relegations and promotions.

If that wasn't bad enough, in 2010 the club endured the indignity of bankruptcy, something unheard of in Norwegian football. As usual, in times of crisis only the fans stuck with the club and the newly-formed amateur side Lyn Fotball began life in the Sixth Division (seventh tier) of domestic football.

Amazingly, the fledgling club achieved a two-division promotion in 2010, a perfect promotion in 2011 (20 wins out of 20), and another promotion in 2012.

You wouldn't bet against them reaching the top table of European football again, whether they'll met Leeds United there is another matter...



THE OPPOSITION

FOUNDED: 1896
GROUND: Frogner stadion
CAPACITY: 4,000
HONOURS: 2 Norwegian Premier League titles, 8 Norwegian Cups

In 1969 man walked on the moon for the first time, Northern Ireland's Troubles and the Vietnam War dominated the news, and Led Zeppelin were becoming musical gods... Yet for Leeds United fans, the Norwegian part-timers Lyn Oslo achieved immortality in that year for doing something





PROUD PARTNERS OF LEEDS UNITED
OFFICIAL PARTNERS

ENTERPRISE
INSURANCE



MAIN CLUB SPONSOR



TECHNICAL KIT SUPPLIER



SECONDARY SHIRT SPONSOR



EAST STAND SPONSOR



NORTH STAND SPONSOR



SOUTH STAND SPONSOR



HOTEL PARTNER



SUIT PARTNER



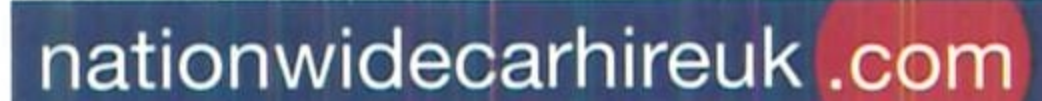
ONLINE BETTING AND
GAMING PARTNER



ACADEMY SPONSOR



TIMING PARTNER



CAR HIRE PARTNER



BEER PARTNER

AFFINITY PARTNERS



LEEDS UNITED SAVER ACCOUNT



LEEDS UNITED INSURANCE SERVICES



LEEDS UNITED MASTERCARD

For more information on partnership packages at Leeds United Football Club,
please call the Commercial Team on 0871 334 1919 (option 3)

WE'RE ALL GOING ON A EUROPEAN TOUR

THE PRELUDE

Don Revie had longed dream of his side playing in Europe's top competition, the European Cup. In 1969 his dream came true, though even the Leeds boss couldn't have imagined the sensational start his side would make.

On Wednesday September 17, 1969 Leeds United for the first, and so far only, time in their history hit double figures when they beat Norway's Lyn Oslo 10-0.

A Mick Jones hat-trick, a brace apiece for Allan Clarke, John Giles and Billy Bremner, plus Mike O'Grady's opener after just 35 seconds saw the Whites put together the most one-sided night in the club's history.

Captain Bremner was so embarrassed by his second, and United's 10th, goal he couldn't even muster a celebration.

It's safe to say the Norwegian part-timers held out little hope of overcoming the double-digit deficit in the second leg.

THE MATCH

OCTOBER 1, 1969

1969/70 European Cup
Second Round second leg
Ulleval Stadium

ATTENDANCE: 7,595

LYN OSLO 0

LEEDS UNITED 6 (Belfitt 6, 72, Hibbitt 21, 54, Jones 30, Lorimer 68)

Aggregate score: 16-0 to Leeds

LYN: S Olsen, Rodvang, Ostvold, Borrehaug, Knolle, Christopherse, Morisbak, Hovdan, Berg, OD Olsen, Birkeland.

MANAGER: Knut Osnes.



LEEDS: Sprake, Reaney, Cooper, Bremner, Madeley, E Gray, Lorimer, Belfitt, Jones, Bates, Hibbitt.

MANAGER: Don Revie.

REFEREE: Antoine Queudeville (Luxembourg).

With the tie so obviously decided, Leeds rested regulars Giles and Norman Hunter for the second leg and were without the injured duo of Clarke and Jack Charlton.

Even with a weakened team United would win easily and Lyn Oslo knew that, though the home team were relieved the Whites played a fair number of the stars at the Ulleval Stadium to keep the attendance up and the crowd, who were desperate to see Revie's stars, happy.

Squad members, but rarely first-teamers, Terry Hibbitt and Rod Belfitt combined for United's first goal after six minutes Hibbitt's cross finding an unmarked Belfitt who scored easily.

Hibbitt found the net himself midway through the first half, his sharp shot too much for the demoralised Lyn keeper Sven Olsen.

By now the home fans had given up any hope of their side achieving anything beyond survival and had taken to appreciating the visitors' top-class play.

Leeds didn't disappoint and on the half-hour Peter Lorimer seemed certain to score after dribbling past seemingly half the Norwegian side only for his shot to be blocked and fall at the feet of Mick Jones who had the simplest of tap-ins. 3-0.

The second half was more of the same with Hibbitt and Belfitt again finding the net and Leeds' record European goalscorer Lorimer getting in on the act with a goal of his own.

At full-time the 6-0 scoreline meant Leeds had achieved a British aggregate record win of 16-0 and the Whites had made it clear to everyone they were a force in European football.



↑ A programme from the game in Oslo sold on Ebay for £449.99 last month!

↗ Two-goal Rod Belfitt.

↘ Mick Bates.



LEEDS UNITED SEASONAL GUESTS

CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE CLUB

McCormicks Solicitors
Trevor Ingham

PRESIDENTS SUITE

Boothroyd Associates
Bracken Projects
Ceramica Impex Limited
Goldenfry
One Medical Limited
United Health Group
Yorkshire Financial Management
Nick Parsons

EAST STAND LEVEL 4 EXECUTIVE BOX HOLDERS

UAP Tradelocks
The Symphony Group Plc
Morrison Utility Services
Town Centre Car Parks
Clipper Group
Symingtons
Enterprise Insurance
Ringways Motor Group
Help Link
Shanco Construction Ltd
Rim Scaffolding
Eterniti Steels
The Brightscrew Company Ltd
Kings Security
Molson Coors Brewing Company (UK) Ltd
Jimi's O.B.E.
Austin Hayes Limited
Barrett Brothers Ltd / Structural Steelwork

EAST STAND LEVEL 3 EXECUTIVE BOX HOLDERS

Roger Woodhead & Sons / BWS – Big Waste Services
Dovecote Park
Morgan Wells Accountants and Financiers
Showsec
DJ Drinks Solutions Ltd
Sambidge Family
Rick & Chris at Number 9
C'est Chocolat
UK Egg Centre Limited
PDS – Performance Doorset Solutions
iLuv
Farnell
Ian Quinlan
SPEC Ltd
Bayford Properties
Ashleigh Signs
unitedrentalsystems.co.uk
Tiger Technology UK Ltd
Henry James Interiors
A.F. Connell Ltd
Barrett Steel Limited
Hesco Bastion Suite



FLASHBACK



Sunday May 2, 2004. After a 2pm kick-off it's 3.50pm and the fourth official at the Reebok Stadium has just held up a board signaling one minute will be added on to a game we are losing 4-1 – a result which will confirm our relegation from the Premier League. Around 5,000 of you responded with a chorus of "Down in a minute, we're going down in a minute!" This captures a section of the away support in defiant mood as those last rites were being played out.

Pic: Varley Picture Agency
To buy a copy of this pic, email pictures@leedsunited.com



CLASSIC MATCH



Leeds United 2 Leicester City 1

Barclays League Division Two

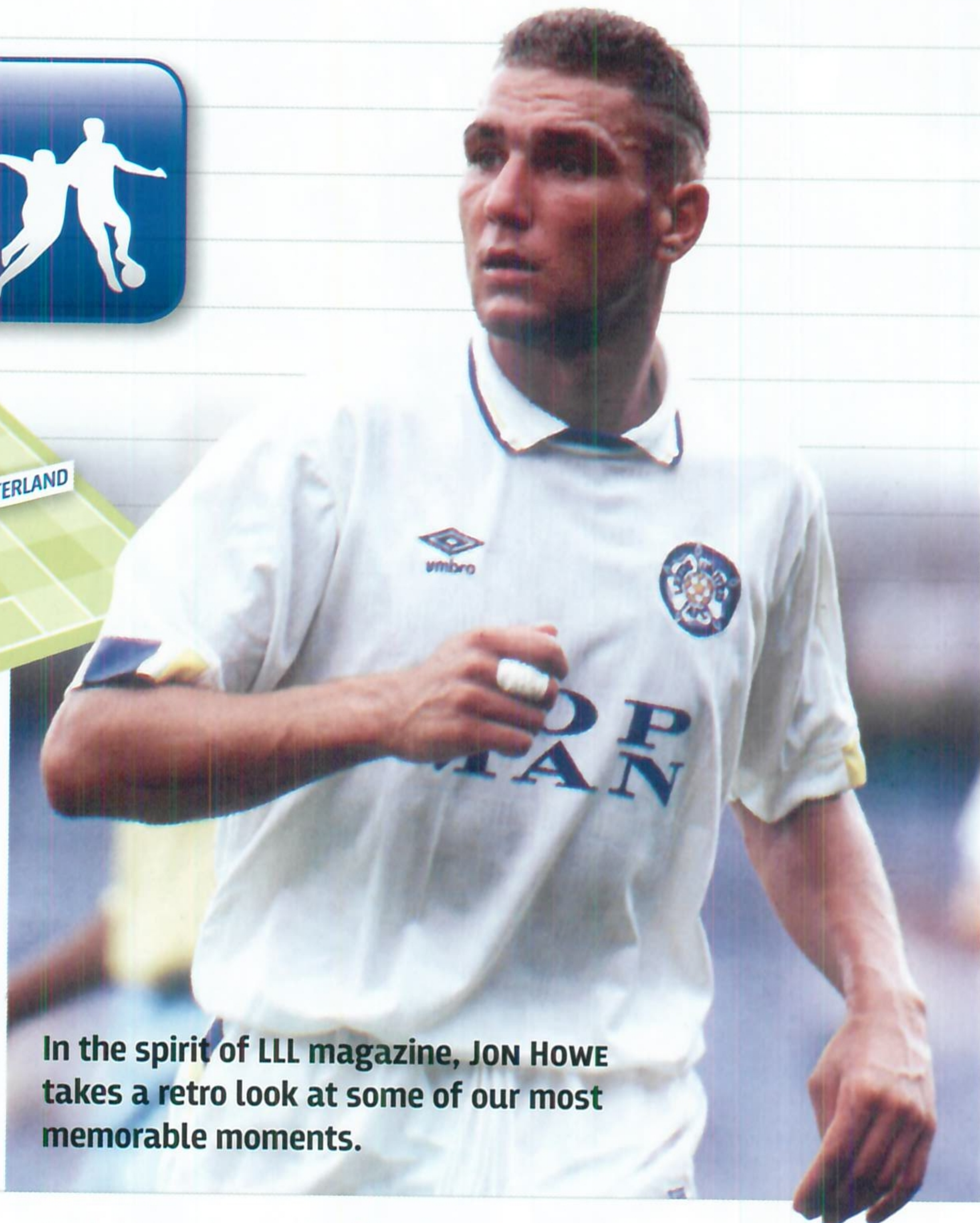
Saturday April 28, 1990, 3pm

Elland Road **Attendance** 32,597

Goals Sterland (13), McAllister (62), Strachan (84)

Referee D Allison (Lancaster)

Leicester (4-4-2): Hodge, Mauchlen, Paris, Ramsey, Walsh, James, Reid, North (Oldfield), Kelly, McAllister, Wright (Mills).



In the spirit of LLL magazine, Jon Howe takes a retro look at some of our most memorable moments.

How are you feeling right at this minute?

I'm a wreck, an absolute wreck. I've been through the ringer quite a few times with Leeds United, but nothing compares to the gut-wrenching anxiety and the idyllic utopia that I've encountered today. Right from one end of the scale to the other within 90 minutes, with a fair few interludes of not-quite-knowing-what-to-feel thrown in for good measure.

Not a straightforward victory, then? It's still just three points at the end of the day, and priceless points at that, but the manner in which we achieved them will never be forgotten; drama of indescribable tension.

But we're not promoted... yet? A certain Mr V Jones would have us believe otherwise. He appeared in the West Stand after the game as thousands of fans spilled onto the pitch, and word spread quicker than Strachan's left-foot winner that we had done it. It was a chaotic melee of confusion, disbelief and misinformation, as the consensus soon agreed that Vinnie

had failed to take account of Newcastle's late goal against West Ham. For a few minutes we knew what it was like to celebrate promotion back to the Promised Land on the pitch at Elland Road. However, back in the real world, we will just have to try and do it again next week at Bournemouth.

We started well, though? Like a train, as is standard under Sgt Wilko. The atmosphere was as highly-charged as you will ever encounter anywhere in the world, and you felt there was just no way we wouldn't win. Bobby Davison was back in the starting line-up and he should have scored in the first few minutes when he headed a point-blank effort from Jim Beglin's cross straight at the keeper. But soon enough we were ahead. A counter-attack somehow found Mel Sterland in acres of space on the right. He thundered into the penalty area like Godzilla on the warpath and dispatched an unstoppable low drive into the far corner. The evaporation of nervous tension was palpable.

18

MAGIC NUMBER

Strachan's 18th and most important goal of the season.





been, but we never do things the easy way. A second goal would have resulted in a comfortable victory, but the memories of Tuesday's late capitulation to Barnsley and too many recent draws were still fresh, and sure enough we paid the price for a succession of missed chances.

That McAllister looks decent, doesn't he?

He was the only semblance of quality that Leicester possessed, but his 62nd minute equaliser in-off the post was like a shot to the heart, albeit a painfully inevitable one. Grown men were weeping and nobody could quite believe we were about to make a royal dog's dinner of it again. McAllister had another fierce 30-yard strike parried away by Mervyn Day minutes later, and the thought of actually losing this game was becoming acutely real, and just didn't bear thinking about.

Wee Gordon Strachan, we salute you!

The warm afternoon had sapped the energy from everyone in the ground. The game had become a disorderly sideshow as the crowd mulled over the various permutations of not actually winning this game. There was a befuddled hum about the ground; a mixture of panic, disillusion and sheer exhaustion. Some had written off the whole campaign as Sterland delivered a long throw into the box in the 84th minute. An impromptu game of pinball ensued as McAllister hacked

the ball clear straight into Strachan's face. Speed chested the loose ball down and it fell neatly into the captain's path. With his gaunt face portraying the last dying embers of strength in his weary body, Strachan swung his wrong foot at the inviting ball and watched it sail implausibly passed Hodge into the top corner. Perfection! Hello world, we are Leeds, and we have turned on the lights.

How were the Leeds fans? As future groundstaff sweep the terraces clean, I'm sure they will still come across pockets of fans embroiled in a mad,

all-consuming embrace, rolling about on the floor. This was a moment you don't want to end, and why should it?

Best Leeds player? How could I not give that to Strachan?

In a nutshell? Boom time!

FOLLOW JON HOWE ON TWITTER @JONHOWE1971

🕒 Clockwise (from top left)... Vinnie Jones, Mervyn Day, Mel Sterland and Gordon Strachan.





HYDRATING

THE PLAYERS OF THE
FOOTBALL LEAGUE



OFFICIAL SPORTS DRINK

Powerade and ION4 are registered trade marks of The Coca-Cola Company.



WHO NEEDS PREDICTABLE?!

First of all I should start off by wishing you all a Happy New Year. Unfortunately I can't tell you if it definitely will be on the pitch with Leeds United... but here's hoping!

At this time of the year it seems the done thing to look ahead while reflecting on the previous 12 months – and I think it's unlikely we're going to get a better sporting year than 2012.

While it's predictable that the two Manchester clubs will battle for the Premier League title and there will probably be some kind of final day drama in a relegation battle, the Championship is less easy to second-guess with only months of the season to go.

I read with some interest comments from Gus Poyet before Christmas in which he described the Championship as "average". His Brighton side remained in the hunt for the Play-Offs at the time of his declaration despite winning just three in a run of 15 games.

When you look at the remainder of the season I guess it's all about perspective. What you can't question is the Championship's competitive nature and in that respect I can't agree with Gus. I don't want to be able to predict what's going to pan out during the course of a season. If I could, what would be the point in even turning up?

Recent results have given Leeds supporters as much cause for optimism as any of the other teams in the hunt for a Play-Off place and the next few months are anyone's guess.

KEEPING YOU POSTED

Throughout 2013 Yorkshire Radio will keep you right up to date with goings on at Elland Road, including any ins and outs in the transfer window with **White Hot News** five times a day every weekday.

The new Super League season is just around the corner and we'll have commentary of over 50 games involving our Yorkshire sides. **Sport At 6pm** continues every weeknight, too, with our Leeds United specials **The Matchday Replay** on Mondays with Dom Matteo (9pm repeat) and **The Countdown To Kick-Off** on Fridays with Eddie Gray. It goes without saying that there'll be full match commentary of every Leeds United game between now and the end of an unpredictable season right through to its conclusions...

HAVE YOUR SAY AFTER TODAY'S GAME

Make sure you tune into **The Extra Time Phone-In** on the way home on 104.7FM and DAB. We'll have all the reaction from this afternoon's game, including Neil Warnock in discussion with Eddie Gray. You can have your say, too – get in touch in the usual ways...

- ▶ Tweet - **@yorkshireradio**
- ▶ Email – via the website **www.yorkshireradio.net** or by using the free app on your iPhone/iPod or Android phone.
- ▶ Text – just put the word "RADIO" plus your message to **82222** (Texts cost 25p)
- ▶ Phone – call us on **0871 521 22 88**



Yorkshire Radio is available on DAB digital radio... via satellite on Sky 0209... and online at **yorkshireradio.net**... You can also hear match commentary live on Minster Radio 104.7FM



WHAT'S ON?

All the latest Leeds United News!



Weekdays
at 7.30am,
8.30am, 1.00pm,
5.30pm and 9.30pm.

EXTRA TIME! WITH EDDIE GRAY



LISTEN
IN YOUR
CAR ON
104.7fm

Hear **Neil Warnock**
first after the game
on Yorkshire Radio
and call **Eddie** with
your thoughts on
0871 521 22 88

IN ASSOCIATION WITH ENTERPRISE INSURANCE

Don't forget to follow

@yorkshireradio on

Twitter for details of

all our Leeds United shows and

the chance to **WIN** fantastic prizes

including Leeds United match tickets.



YORKSHIRE RADIO ANDROID AND IPHONE APP NOW AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FOR FREE!



Listen on the go to Yorkshire's Sport Station!

Download the iPhone App from iTunes or the App Store.
Android App is available from the Android Market



MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY



Follow us on Twitter for all the
very latest Commercial news
[@LUFCCommercial](#)

HOSPITALITY FOR OUR FA CUP FIXTURE IS NOW ON SALE

Kick off the New Year in style as we take on Birmingham City in the Third Round of the FA Cup on Saturday January 5 (3pm).

On arrival you will be greeted by one of our dedicated matchday hostesses who will be on hand to take care of you throughout the day. Pre-match, you will dine from our delicious matchday menu before making your way to your executive padded match seats which, of course, offer some of the very best views in the house.

After the final whistle you can reflect on the game and enjoy a post-match drink from the warmth of your hospitality suite while the crowds disperse from around the ground. You can also expect a visit from one of our resident Leeds United Legends throughout your day, too – Paul Reaney, Peter Lorimer, Terry Yorath and John McClelland are just some of the big names that regularly entertain our hospitality guests.

They'll be on hand to offer their views on the game as well as share some of the fantastic memories of their time at the helm.

Hospitality for this fixture is available from just £75+VAT per person.

**To book please call
the Hospitality Team on
0871 334 1919 (option 3).**



Visiting Leeds in 2013?

Don't forget that as a Leeds United fan you can take advantage of a range of exclusive offers from our Official Hotel Partner Holiday Inn, part of the Intercontinental Hotel Group. The special discounts include up to 35 per cent off weekend rates, 2-for-1 room night offers and 10 per cent off all midweek stays.

There are two Holiday Inn properties within 3km of Elland Road, each providing fantastic accommodation at great prices. These offers are also available on the other Intercontinental Hotel properties in Leeds including the Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express. So why not make a weekend of it and take in all that Leeds has to offer in 2013?



Holiday Inn



**Get 10 per cent off
all iLuv products**

Don't forget that as a Leeds United supporter you are entitled to a massive 10 per cent off all iLuv products online – to receive the discount simply visit their website, www.iluv.co.uk and enter the code "iLuvLeeds" at the checkout.



WINTER AT FLAMINGO LAND

**Our Official Academy Sponsor
Flamingo Land is opening its zoo
throughout winter. Attractions
include Children's Planet – which is an
interactive play area where children
can play close to meerkats and other
animals to create a truly enjoyable
and educational environment. It's a
great day out, ideal for all the family.**

Children's rides, including Muddy Duck Tractors, Jungle Carousel and Helitoys, will also be available at selected times throughout each day, plus there's unlimited access to the Little Monster's Exploratorium and Muddy Duck Farm, too!

Flamingo Land is open from 10am to 4pm across weekends and school holidays between now and March 2013. To make the day even more enjoyable, Flamingo Land are also including an extensive programme of free keeper talks, plus animal handling sessions in their dedicated Education Centre. Visit www.flamingoland.co.uk to view the times of these events.

Single adult day tickets (adults and children over 12) are available for just £7.50 and under-12s for only £5. For more information and a full list of opening dates and times please visit www.flamingoland.co.uk or call Flamingo Land on 0871 911 8000.



Thanks to all our Boro match sponsors

MAIN MATCH SPONSOR

Brian Walker Electrical were our main Match Sponsor for our 2-1 win over Middlesbrough just before Christmas. Brian Walker Electrical are NICEIC approved contractors with a proven track record of delivering work of a high standard that meets all current IEE regulation. All work is carried out with the customer's needs in mind, from domestic to commercial; they

always ensure that work is carried out with the upmost professionalism and to the highest standards. For more information please visit www.brianwalkerelectricalcontractors.co.uk

Brian Walker and his guests are pictured in front of the Vidiwall (above) and pictured (left) presenting Luciano Becchio with his Man of the Match Champagne (left) are Brian Walker with Mark Fisher.

MATCHBALL SPONSOR

Our Matchball Sponsor was **Parker Engineering And Transmissions**. They are industrial gearbox specialists based in Bradford. Many thanks to Richard Parker, who also sponsors



Paddy Kenny and has a number of perimeter advertising boards at Elland Road, for all of his support this season. Parker Engineering offer drive design solutions to companies across the UK and Europe, supplying process industries including food, waste management and chemical companies. Parker Engineering are agents for all of the world's leading Industrial Gearbox

manufacturers. For more information please visit www.parker-eng.co.uk Parker Engineering's guests are pictured in front of the Vidiwall (left) and Luciano Becchio is pictured (above) presenting Richard, Jacob and Max Parker with the matchball. Many thanks to both companies for sponsoring the Boro fixture.

To sponsor a game please call the Commercial team on 0871 334 1919 (option 3).





BOLTON WANDERERS

↑ David Ngog celebrating his match-winning double against Charlton before Christmas with Jay Spearing.

They are two of the traditional Lancashire town clubs. They went back to the Premier League together in 2001. They were relegated together in April this year. And in October they appointed new managers.

There the similarities ended. While Blackburn Rovers went back to their hall of fame to make a new appointment – they chose 1995 title winner Henning Berg – Bolton Wanderers targeted a replacement from outside the club chronicles and their immediate catchment area.

Instead they looked some 225 miles to the south and homed in on an ambitious Scot with

an impressive CV as a player and a blossoming reputation as a manager.

Dougie Freedman – having taken Crystal Palace from the relegation area to the top six in less than two years – was their choice and with him they secured key personnel from his backroom team at Selhurst Park.

Assistant Lennie Lawrence – himself a vastly experienced manager with more than 1,000 games at various clubs – and first-team coach Curtis Fleming were first to arrive after acting as caretakers with Palace.

Wanderers opted to follow a new course after



a sketchy start on their return to the Championship. Relegation had come as a huge setback – they would have been safe had they beaten Stoke City in the final match – but like the bookmakers, who made them favourites for promotion, they could have expected to quickly regroup at this level.

Early results were not overwhelmingly poor with three wins and two draws, one of these when two goals from Kevin Davies earned a point against Leeds in October. However, a week later – with the team in 18th place – Owen Coyle left the club after two years and nine months at the Reebok.

It had been an eventful period, initially in dispersing a relegation situation, then guiding the team into the top six and an FA Cup semi-final in the following season. Sadly a calamitous day at Wembley, losing 5-0 to Stoke, was where things began to go wrong.

Five defeats at the end of the campaign pushed Wanderers back to 14th and last season was a constant struggle, broken only by a Manager of the Month award in March after successive wins against relegation rivals, QPR, Blackburn and Wolves.

Going down, after 11 years in the Premier League, inevitably resulted in changes to the squad. As many as 15 players – including four loan signings – left the club, many of these in accordance with an existing strategy to reduce the age of the squad.

Leaving at the end of their contracts were such stalwarts as Ricardo Gardner, Paul Robinson, Robbie Blake and Gretar Steinsson. Others chose to go. Nigel Reo-Coker exercised a release clause and Juusi Jaskelainen, first-choice keeper for more than a decade, linked up with former boss Sam Allardyce at West Ham.

In the future Bolton hope to have a flow of players from their Academy which continues to be on a Premier League footing after securing elite status.

The loan market is another option that was successfully explored in the past with the likes of Jack Wilshere and Daniel Sturridge. This route has been followed again with a number of signings and there was also room to bring in established players at this level.

This was mostly done with Coyle at the helm. So far Freedman has only been able to secure a deal to borrow former Barnsley midfielder Jacob Butterfield over the holiday period.

But he has instilled his own beliefs, and despite a high proportion of drawn games, he was pleased with the style of football.

A recent visit to Huddersfield was an example of an unfortunate habit in letting the lead slip, a problem that was reckoned to have cost them up to 20 points over the season. But Freedman could not fault the performance. "I hope the 2,000 fans who came along liked what they saw," he told the *Bolton News*. "I know the result wasn't there but you can't keep on despairing about the result... that will come."

Next time out, Bolton duly saw off Charlton, a double from ex-Liverpool striker David Ngog lifting them up the table by five places.

BENIK AFOBE **F**

Born: Leyton 12.2.93

International: England Under-21

Clubs: Arsenal (2010-), Huddersfield Town (loan, 2010-11), Reading (loan, 2012), Bolton Wanderers (loan, 2012)

2012/13 League: 5(12) apps, 2 goals Cups: 1 app, 1 goal

League Career: 48 apps, 7 goals

MARCOS ALONSO **D**

Born: Madrid 28.12.90

Clubs: Castilla (2008-10), Real Madrid (2010), Bolton Wanderers (2010-)

2012/13 League 4(1) apps, 1 goal Cups: 1 app

League Career: 54 apps, 5 goals

KEITH ANDREWS **M**

Born: Dublin 13.9.80

International: Republic of Ireland

Clubs: Wolves (1997-05), Oxford United (loan, 2000), Stoke City (loan, 2003), Walsall (loan, 2004), Hull City (2005-06), MK Dons (2006-08), Blackburn Rovers (2008-12), Ipswich Town (loan, 2011), West Bromwich Albion (2012), Bolton Wanderers (2012-)

2012/13 League: 18(3) apps, 2 goals Cups: 1 app

League Career: 325 apps, 39 goals

ADAM BOGDAN **G**

Born: Budapest 27.9.87

International: Hungary

Clubs: Vasas (2005-07), Vecses (loan, 2006), Crewe Alexandra (loan, 2009), Bolton Wanderers (2007)

2012/13 League: 24 apps

League Career: 48 apps

This has been the year when the six-foot-four keeper took full reward for his patience in the reserve team. Not only he did he become Bolton's number 1 in the second half of last season, he also started each of Hungary's four World Cup qualifiers so far.

JACOB BUTTERFIELD **M**

Born: Bradford 10.6.90

Clubs: Barnsley (2007-12), Norwich City (2012-), Bolton Wanderers (loan, 2012)

2012/13 League: 4(2) apps

Cups: 2 apps (Norwich)

League Career: 96 apps, 8 goals

Among the brightest prospects in the Championship until an injury forced him to miss the second half of last season and then taken off to the Premier League by Norwich. Now he is back in the division, signing for a second month before fellow-midfielder Mark Davies' shoulder operation.



Adam Bogdan

KEVIN DAVIES**F****Born:** Sheffield 26.3.77**International:** England**Clubs:** Chesterfield (1993-97), Southampton (1997-98), Blackburn Rovers (1998-99), Southampton (1999-03), Millwall (loan, 2002), Bolton Wanderers (2003-)**2012/13** League: 21(2) apps, 6 goals
Cups: 1 sub**League Career:** 607 apps, 118 goals**MARK DAVIES****M****Born:** Wolverhampton 18.2.88**Clubs:** Wolves (2005-09), Leicester City (loan, 2008), Bolton Wanderers (2009-)**2012/13** League: 20 apps, 5 goals
Cups: 1 app**League Career:** 140 apps, 12 goals**CHRIS EAGLES****F****Born:** Hemel Hempstead 19.11.85**Clubs:** Manchester United (2003-08), Watford (loan, 2005), Sheffield Wednesday (loan, 2005), Watford (loan, 2006), NEC Nijmegen (loan, 2006), Burnley (2008-11), Bolton Wanderers (2011-)**2012/13** League: 23(1) apps, 7 goals
Cups: 1 app**League Career:** 254 apps, 41 goals

Another player who made his debut at Elland Road – for Manchester United in a League Cup win here in October 2003 – the midfielder was in the squad for all but one of Bolton's games last season. Now he has regained a goalscoring threat, as he did with 15 in his last year at Burnley.

STUART HOLDEN**M****Born:** Aberdeen 1.8.85**International:** USA**Clubs:** Sunderland (2005), Houston Dynamo (2006-10), Bolton Wanderers (2010-)**League Career:** 115 apps, 17 goals**ZAT KNIGHT****D****Born:** Solihull 2.5.80**International:** England**Clubs:** Rushall Olympic, Fulham (1999-07), Peterborough United (loan, 2000), Aston Villa (2007-09), Bolton Wanderers (2009-)**2012/13** League: 21 apps
Cups: 1 app**League Career:** 313 apps, 7 goals

One of the tallest defenders in the business: a six-foot-six giant, twice capped by England with Fulham, a £4m signing for Villa (his local club), and past two milestone this season – 100 league games for Wanderers and 300 in his league career.

Chris Eagles





MANAGER

DOUGIE FREEDMAN

Born: Glasgow, January 21, 1974

PLAYER

Clubs: Queen's Park Rangers (1992-94), Barnet (1994-95), Crystal Palace (1995-97), Wolverhampton Wanderers (1997-98), Nottingham Forest (1998-00), Crystal Palace (2000-08), Leeds United (loan, 2008), Southend United (2008-10)

League Record: 520 games, 160 goals

Honours: Crystal Palace (promotion from Division One, 1996/97 and 2003/04)

International: Scotland, 2 (Full), 1 (B), 8 (Under-21)

MANAGER

Clubs: Crystal Palace (assistant manager, Mar 2010; manager, 2011-12), Bolton Wanderers (Oct 2012 to date)

League Record (to December 26, 2012)

Clubs	P	W	D	L	Pts
Crystal Palace	79	25	27	27	102
Bolton Wanderers	11	3	5	3	14
TOTAL	90	28	32	30	116

LEE CHUNG-YONG

M

Born: Seoul 2.7.88

International: South Korea

Clubs: FC Seoul (2006-09), Bolton Wanderers (2009-)

2012/13 League: 12(7) apps, 3 goals

League Career: 137 apps, 20 goals

ANDY LONERGAN

G

Born: Preston 19.10.83

Clubs: Preston North End (2000-11), Darlington (loan, 2002), Wycombe Wanderers (loan, 2005), Swindon Town (loan, 2006), Leeds United (2011-12), Bolton W (2012-)

2012/13 Cups: 1 app

League Career: 248 apps, 1 goal



Lee Chung-Yong

JAY LYNCH

G

Born: Salford 31.3.93

Clubs: Manchester United (juniors), Bolton Wanderers (2011-)

TYRONE MEARS

D

Born: Stockport 18.2.83

International: Jamaica

Clubs: Manchester City (2000-02), Preston NE 2002-06), West Ham United (2006-07), Derby County (2007-09), Burnley (2009-11), Bolton Wanderers (2011-)

2012/13 League: 19(1) apps

League Career: 224 apps, 7 goals

The full-back is making up for lost time after a miserable first season. Having missed only two league games in two years at Bolton, he broke a leg in one of his first training sessions for a new club. The injury delayed his debut until February but after one appearance he needed further surgery.

MATT MILLS

D

Born: Swindon 14.7.86

Clubs: Southampton (2004-06), Coventry City (loan, 2004), Bournemouth (loan, 2005), Manchester City (2006-07), Colchester United (loan, 2007), Doncaster Rovers (2007-09), Reading (2009-11), Leicester City (2011-12), Bolton Wanderers (2012-)

2012/13 League: 16(1) apps, 1 goal

League Career: 209 apps, 12 goals

DAVID NGOG

F

Born: Paris 1.4.89

International: France Under-21

Clubs: Paris Saint-Germain (2006-08), Liverpool (2008-11), Bolton Wanderers (2011-)

2012/13 League: 10(4) apps, 4 goals

League Career: 128 apps, 17 goals

MARTIN PETROV

M

Born: Vratza 15.1.79

International: Bulgaria

Clubs: CSKA Sofia (1996-98), Servette (1998-00), Wolfsburg (2000-05), Atletico Madrid (2005-07), Manchester City (2007-10), Bolton Wanderers (2010-)

2012/13 League: 6(8) apps, 3 goals

Cups: 1 app

League Career: 379 apps, 72 goals

DARREN PRATLEY

M

Born: Barking 22.4.85

Clubs: Fulham (2002-06), Brentford (loan, 2005), Swansea City (2006-11), Bolton Wanderers (2011-)

2012/13 League: 3(8) apps

Cups: 1 sub

League Career: 260 apps, 32 goals

TIM REAM

D

Born: St Louis 5.10.87

International: USA

Clubs: St Louis Billikens (2006-08), Chicago Fire Premier (2008-09), New York Red Bulls (2010-11), Bolton Wanderers (2012-)

Sam Ricketts



2012/13 League: 7(2) apps

Cups: 1 app

League Career: 181 apps, 7 goals

SAM RICKETTS

D

Born: Aylesbury 11.10.81

International: Wales

Clubs: Oxford United (2000-03), Telford United (2003-04), Swansea City (2004-06), Hull City (2006-09), Bolton Wanderers (2009-)

2012/13 League: 15(1) apps

League Career: 324 apps, 4 goals



JOE RILEY**D**

Born: Salford 13.10.91
Club: Bolton Wanderers (2009-)
2012/13 Cups: 1 app
League Career: 3 apps

MARVIN SORDELL**F**

Born: Pinner 17.2.91
International: England Under-21
Clubs: Watford (2009-12),
 Tranmere Rovers (loan, 2010),
 Bolton Wanderers (2012-)
2012/13 League: 3(5) apps, 1 goal
 Cups: 1 sub
League Career: 94 apps, 23 goals

JAY SPEARING**M**

Born: Wallasey 25.11.88
Clubs: Liverpool (2006-),
 Leicester City (loan, 2010), Bolton
 Wanderers (loan, 2012-)
2012/13 League: 18(1) apps, 1 goal
 Cups: 2(1) apps (Liverpool)
League Career: 56 apps, 2 goals
 Booked in for a season's loan
 at the Reebok, the 2007 FA
 Youth Cup made big progress at
 Liverpool in the last year with
 three trips to Wembley – an
 unused sub for the Carling Cup
 final, a starter in semi-final and
 final in the FA Cup.

JOSH VELA**M**

Born: Salford 14.12.93
Club: Bolton Wanderers (2011-)
2012/13 Cups: 1 app
League Career: 3 apps

DAVID WHEATER**D**

Born: Redcar 14.2.87
International: England Under-21
Clubs: Middlesbrough (2005-11),
 Doncaster Rovers (loan, 2006),
 Wolves (loan, 2006), Darlington
 (loan, 2007), Bolton Wanderers
 (2011-)
League Career: 194 apps, 14 goals

GREGG WYLDE**M**

Born: Kirkintilloch 23.3.91
International: Scotland Under-21
Clubs: Rangers (2009-12),
 Bolton Wanderers (2012-),
 Bury (loan, 2012)
2012/13 League: 2 apps (Bury)
 Cups: 1(1) apps (Bury)
League Career: 40 apps, 2 goals

International recognition listed
 from Under-21 level upwards.

Appearance details collated to
 Wednesday December 26.



WE ARE LEEDS gets a
 fan's eye view from
 the opposition camp.
 Today our man TOM
 HILL talks to MARK
 YESILEVSKIY, editor of
 the Bolton website
Lion of Vienna Suite.

**How have Bolton been playing recently?**

Since Dougie Freedman took over, Bolton have managed to pick up some more wins and a lot more draws with the important change being a lot less dropped points. Bolton's league position has not changed for the better, but the Trotters seem to be happier to fight for results after trailing than they did in the past few years.

Which of your players do we need to look out for and why? The obvious dangerman is Chris Eagles. The winger can play on either side as well as an attacking central-midfielder. He can hit them from range and is the team's set-piece specialist. He is also Bolton's outlet on the counter and much of the play goes through him.

What system will you be playing for the game? Bolton have heavily favoured 4-5-1 with three central midfielders, two of which are in a reserved role ahead of the defence. An out-and-out striker is a very rare thing for the Wanderers to have, and as a result, the goals are spread throughout the midfield.

What can we expect from the travelling fans? Bolton fans have travelled in their thousands this season on a few occasions. They will get behind their team but aren't happy when things aren't going their way.

Favourite fixture between Leeds and yourselves? The 4-1 Bolton win at the Reebok in 2004 is a personal favourite because that season and that squad brought great memories. Unfortunately for Leeds, they were relegated.

If you could sign any Leeds player who would it be? A number of fans would like El-Hadji Diouf back for sentimental reasons or otherwise. Personally, I would have Luciano Becchio. His goal total so far this season is pretty immense.

What do you think our strengths and weaknesses are? In my eyes, Leeds' major strengths are set-pieces and physical play. It's a good job for Leeds, too, because defending both of those seems to cause major issues for Bolton. As for weaknesses, I would point out Leeds' defending as they have actually conceded more goals than Bolton this season while only scoring one more than the Trotters.

What are your strengths and weaknesses? Bolton are still a physical team, especially if Kevin Davies. Also, with Chris Eagles on the ball, Bolton have a real threat from free kicks, as Eagles has four on the year directly from them. Bolton's defending is still an absolute mess and with the news that Matt Mills is injured, depth becomes an even bigger issue.

Three to get promoted, three to go down? Up: Crystal Palace, Leicester City, and us – I hope! **Down:** Peterborough, Barnsley, and Bristol City.

First goalscorer today? The smart money is on Chris Eagles, especially if the chance is coming from the counter or a direct free-kick.

Prediction for the match? I'll be hopeful here and go for 2-1 to Bolton Wanderers.

LEEDS UNITED ACADMEY 2012/13 FIXTURES, RESULTS AND APPEARANCES

UNDER-21 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE 2 (NORTH)

Wed Aug 22	Derby County	H	2-2	Poleon, Nunez
Mon Aug 27	Nottingham Forest	A	3-2	Antelmi, L Turner, Walters
Mon Sep 3	Wigan Athletic	H	3-1	Poloskei, Poelon, Thompson
Fri Sep 14	Leicester City	A	0-3	
Mon Oct 1	Barnsley	H	4-0	Antelmi (2), Poleon (2)
Tue Oct 9	Huddersfield Town	A	0-0	
Sat Oct 20	Sheffield Wednesday	H	0-4	
Mon Oct 29	Coventry City	A	2-1	Kisnorbo, Hall
Wed Nov 7	Derby County	A	5-0	Hall (4), Dawson
Mon Nov 19	Crewe Alexandra	H	3-4	Antelmi, Taylor, Dawson
Mon Jan 14	Sheffield United	H	1pm	
Mon Jan 21	Birmingham City	A	1pm	
Mon Jan 28	Leicester City	H	1pm	
Mon Feb 11	Barnsley	A	1pm	
Mon Feb 25	Huddersfield Town	H	kick-off tbc	
Mon Mar 4	Sheffield Wednesday	A	2pm at Hillsborough	
Wed Mar 13	Coventry City	H	1pm	
Tue Mar 19	Crewe Alexandra	A	1pm	
Tue Apr 2	Nottingham Forest	H	1pm	
Tue Apr 9	Sheffield United	A	1pm	
tba	Wigan Athletic	A		
tba	Birmingham City	H		
Sat May 4	Semi-final			
Sat May 11	Final			

Home fixtures will be played at Thorp Arch unless stated



UNDER-21s 2012/13

	Apps	Goals
Aldekoa-Talora	1	-
Antelmi	9 (1)	4
Balmy	1	-
Clamp	2 (3)	-
Connolly	1	-
Dawson	3 (3)	2
Drury	1	-
Folan	2	-
Gimpel	5 (1)	-
Gray	1	-
Green	2	-
Grimes (gk)	1 (1)	-
Hall	2	5
Killock	4	-
Kisnorbo	8	1
Lenighan	9	-
McCormack	1	-
Mowatt	- (3)	-
Myler	3 (1)	-
Nunez	3	1
Parkin	1 (1)	-
Payne	3 (1)	-
Poleon	4	4
Poloskei	1	1
Pons	1	-
Rachubka (gk)	9	-
Rocha	2	-
Snodin	1	-
Stokes	- (1)	-
Taylor	4 (1)	1
Thompson	6	1
L Turner	10	1
N Turner	10	-
Walters	1 (5)	1
Own goals		-

UNDER-18s 2012/13

	Apps	Goals
Amiri	- (1)	-
Atkinson (gk)	5	-
Booker	1 (2)	-
Coker	12	-
Cook	7 (1)	2
Coyle	11	-
Dawson	10	4
Denton	4	-
Dixon (gk)	1	-
Grimes (gk)	6	-
Lyman	1 (3)	-
Mowatt	12	4
Parkin	11	10
Phillips	5 (5)	1
Purver	12	-
Roper	- (4)	-
Skelton	11	-
Stokes	3 (5)	1
Tiesse	12	-
Walters	11	11
Own goals		-

Totals include FA Youth Cup matches.
Excludes team versus Wigan on Dec 8.

UNDER-18 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE 2

Sat Aug 18	Derby County	A	3-1	Walters, Parkin, Cook
Sat Aug 25	Nottingham Forest	H	2-2	Walters, Dawson
Sat Sep 1	Wigan Athletic	A	4-3	Walters (3), Mowatt
Sat Sep 15	Leicester City	H	1-0	Parkin
Sat Sep 22	Birmingham City	A	0-0	
Sat Sep 29	Barnsley	A	0-3	
Sat Oct 6	Huddersfield Town	H	4-0	Parkin (2), Dawson, Walters
Sat Oct 20	Sheffield Wednesday	A	2-1	Mowatt, Cook
Sat Oct 27	Coventry City	H	6-1	Parkin (2), Phillips (2), Dawson, Walters
Sat Nov 3	Derby County	H	4-2	Parkin (2), Walters, Mowatt
Sat Nov 17	Crewe Alexandra	A	2-1	Stokes, Phillips
Wed Nov 28	Watford (FAYC3)	A	4-0	Parkin (2), Walters, Mowatt
Sat Dec 8	Wigan Athletic	H	4-2	Walters (2), Dawson, Phillips
Sat Jan 12	Sheffield United	A	11am	
Sat Jan 19	Birmingham City	H	1pm	
Sat Jan 26	Leicester City	A	12 noon	
Sat Feb 9	Barnsley	H	11am	
Sat Feb 23	Huddersfield Town	A	11am	
Sat Mar 2	Sheffield Wednesday	H	11am	
Sat Mar 9	Coventry City	A	12 noon	
Sat Mar 16	Crewe Alexandra	H	12 noon	
Sat Mar 30	Nottingham Forest	A	12 noon	
Sat Apr 6	Sheffield United	H	11am	
Sat May 4	Semi-final			
Sat May 11	Final			



LEEDS ON TOUR

Josh Hicks provides you with a fan's-eye view of our forthcoming road trips.

BARNSLEY

Saturday January 12 (3pm)

Oakwell Stadium, Grove Street, Barnsley,
South Yorkshire S71 1ET

Founded: 1887 Joined Football League: 1898

Capacity: 23,287 Nickname: "The Tykes"

Manager: Keith Hill Colours: Red shirts, white shorts

Telephone: 01226 211211 Fax: 01226 211444

Website: www.barnsleyfc.co.uk

COMPLETE RECORD P68 W23 D17 L28 F103 A106

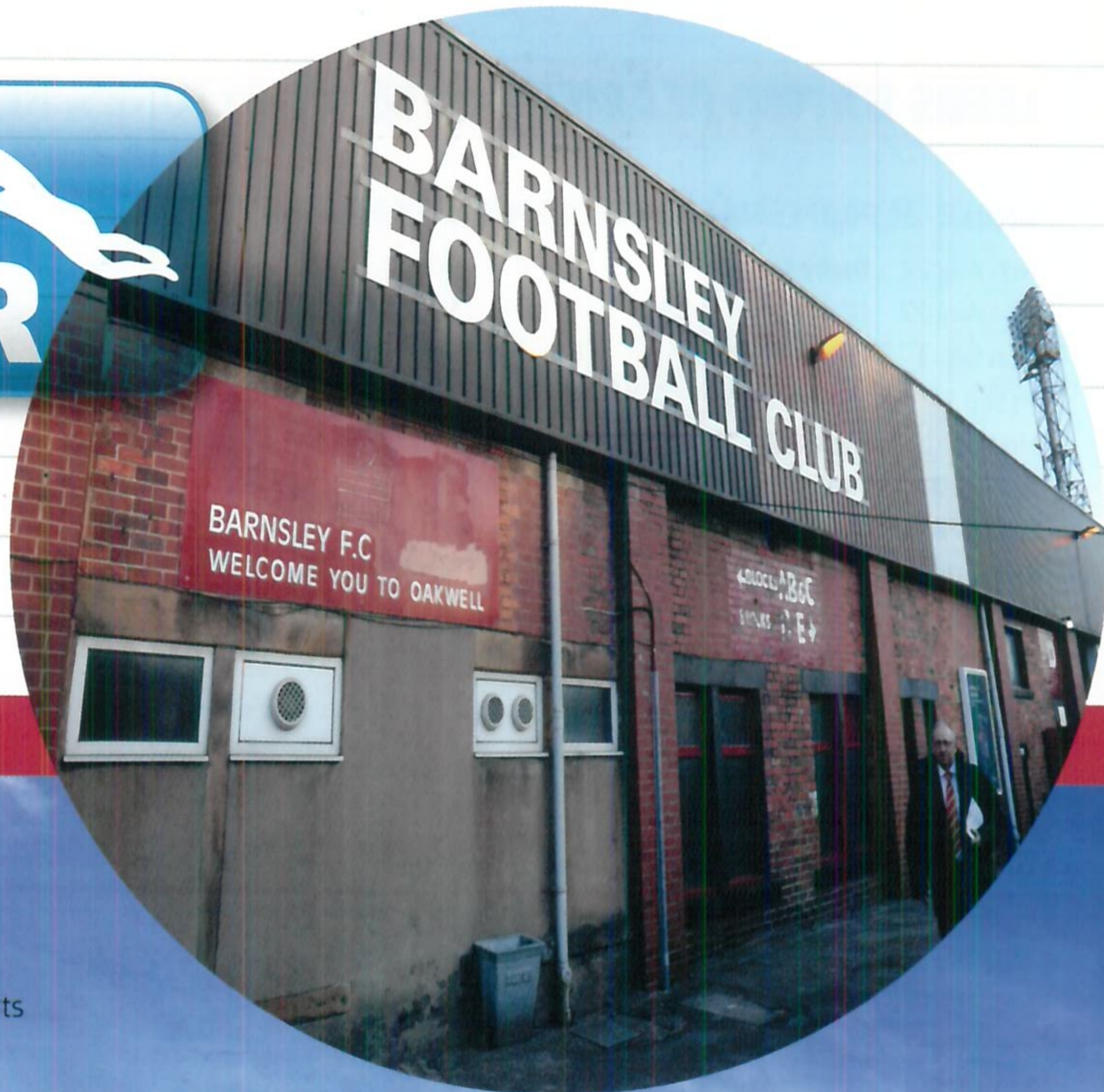
How to get there Exit the M1 at junction 37 and take the A628 towards Barnsley. Stay on this road and you will eventually see the ground on your right. The ground is well signposted.

Who are ya? Barnsley are yet another Yorkshire team plying their trade in the npower Championship this season, which means another short away trip for the Yorkshire-based

Leeds fans. Managed by Keith Hill, Barnsley have endured an up-and-down first half of the Championship season and find themselves too close to the relegation zone for comfort. However, they have also shown an ability to turn in some strong performances and, as they showed here earlier in the campaign, they are capable of perhaps more that they have achieved so far this season.



Facilities? Barnsley play their football at Oakwell and have done since 1888. Oakwell is a very traditional ground and is one I am fond of. The ground holds just over 23,000 and we have



Next at Elland Road Birmingham City in the FA Cup



FA Cup Third Round
– sponsored by Budweiser
Saturday January 5 (3pm)

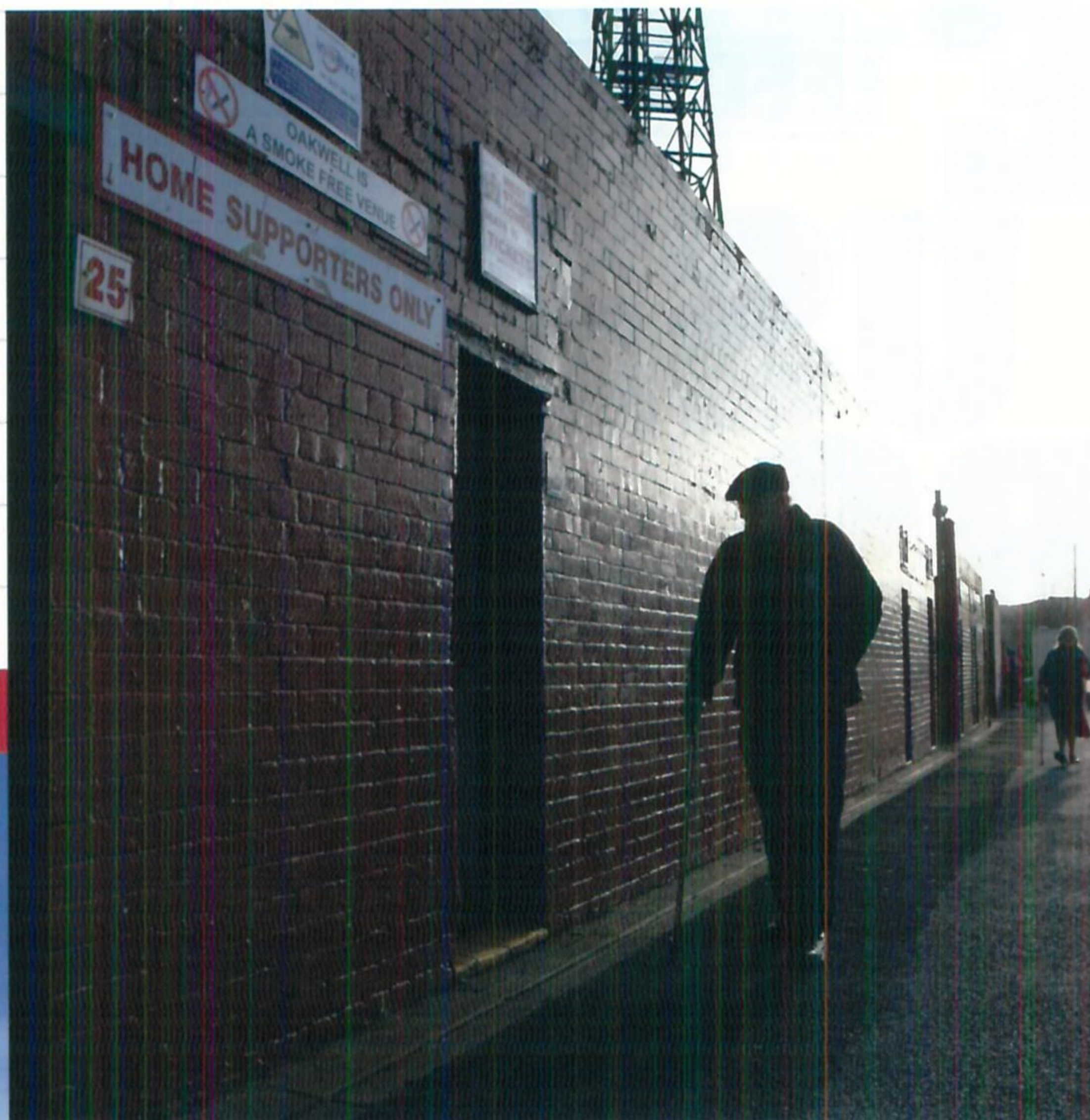
The famous road to Wembley starts here again on Saturday with a visit from Birmingham City in the Third Round of the FA Cup.

Having reached the quarter-finals of the Capital One Cup, the FA Cup gives us another chance to enjoy some respite from the league and, hopefully, another run in a knock-out competition.

In recent years we have attracted some big ties along the way, but first things first, and Birmingham are our opponents this weekend for an all-Championship clash.

TICKET NEWS

The Birmingham game is a Category C fixture with prices starting from £20 for an adult ticket and £11 a junior. Tickets are now on general sale. Buy online at www.leedsunited.com



received an allocation of in excess of 5,000. Many fans will remember when we took almost 7,000 there for a midweek game a couple of years ago. It's not too long ago that away fans were accommodated on an open terrace at Oakwell, but we're now housed at the same end of the ground in the newest stand at the ground.

What's the atmosphere like?

Barnsley supporters are not renowned for being the most vocal in the world. However, like most teams, they up their

noise levels for the visit of Leeds. Along with Sheffield Wednesday, we are Barnsley's most local opponents in the Championship and there is an added sense of rivalry there. Having been well beaten at Barnsley these past two seasons, there will also be an added edge – I'm sure the home supporters will take great delight in reminding us of their recent successes – and it should be a good atmosphere when we go there.



HAVE YOU USED YOURS...?

THE OFFICIAL
LEEDS UNITED
MEMBERS CLUB



Remember that all adult Members and Season Ticket Holders receive three **£5 online match ticket discount vouchers** this season!*

Have you used yours...?

**ADULT
TICKETS
FROM**

£15

**JUNIOR
TICKETS
FROM**

£6

The above prices are based on a Category C fixture



Redeem at **leedsunited.com**, call **0871 334 1992** or visit the ticket counters in the **Elland Road Superstore** which are open:
Monday to Saturday 9am - 5.30pm. Closed Sundays.

Calls to 0871 numbers cost 9p per minute plus network extras * To be used against the purchase of match tickets for home League games in 2012/13 Season. Terms and conditions apply. See leedsunited.com for more details.

FACTS & FIGURES

ELSEWHERE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

WATFORD V CHARLTON ATHLETIC (1PM)
 BIRMINGHAM CITY V CARDIFF CITY
 BLACKBURN ROVERS V NOTTINGHAM FOREST
 BLACKPOOL V HULL CITY
 CRYSTAL PALACE V WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
 DERBY COUNTY V MIDDLESBROUGH
 IPSWICH TOWN V BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
 LEICESTER CITY V HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
 MILLWALL V BRISTOL CITY
 PETERBOROUGH UNITED V BARNSELY
 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V BURNLEY

All 3pm kick-offs except where indicated.



NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 2012/13

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Cardiff City	24	11	0	1	24	8	5	2	5	22	21	17	50
2	Hull City	24	7	2	3	18	11	7	1	4	17	16	8	45
3	Middlesbrough	24	9	1	2	24	12	5	1	6	17	19	10	44
4	Crystal Palace	24	7	4	1	30	15	5	3	4	15	16	14	43
5	Leicester City	24	8	2	2	26	10	3	3	6	11	12	15	38
6	Watford	23	6	2	4	17	11	5	2	4	24	20	10	37
7	Millwall	24	6	2	4	18	14	4	5	3	19	19	4	37
8	Nottingham Forest	24	6	3	3	17	13	3	6	3	17	17	4	36
9	Leeds United	24	7	2	3	18	17	3	3	6	19	23	-3	35
10	Brighton & Hove Albion	23	4	6	2	17	9	4	4	3	14	14	8	34
11	Blackpool	24	4	5	3	24	17	4	4	4	17	17	7	33
12	Derby County	24	6	4	2	26	15	3	2	7	10	21	0	33
13	Burnley	24	6	4	2	21	13	3	2	7	17	26	-1	33
14	Wolverhampton W	24	4	4	4	16	17	5	0	7	15	16	-2	31
15	Huddersfield Town	24	4	4	4	17	18	4	3	5	13	19	-7	31
16	Bolton Wanderers	24	5	4	3	17	13	2	4	6	19	25	-2	29
17	Blackburn Rovers	23	5	1	5	11	14	2	7	3	18	18	-3	29
18	Charlton Athletic	24	3	4	5	16	19	4	4	4	13	13	-3	29
19	Birmingham City	24	4	4	4	16	19	3	4	5	16	19	-6	29
20	Ipswich Town	24	3	4	5	16	18	4	2	6	9	27	-20	27
21	Sheffield Wednesday	24	4	1	7	16	23	3	2	7	12	17	-12	24
22	Peterborough United	24	3	0	9	19	27	4	1	7	14	17	-11	22
23	Barnsley	24	2	4	6	9	16	3	2	7	15	22	-14	21
24	Bristol City	23	2	2	7	20	27	3	2	7	13	19	-13	19

Correct as of December 26. Excludes fixtures played on December 29.

LEEDS UNITED APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 2012/13

	Birthdate	CHAMPIONSHIP			CUPS			LEEDS CAREER			CARDS 2012/13	
		Apps	(sub)	Gl's	Apps	(sub)	Gl's	Apps	(sub)	Gl's	Y	R
Jamie Ashdown	30.11.80	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-		
Rodolph Austin	01.06.85	16		1	4		2	20		3	3	
Luciano Becchio	28.12.83	22	(1)	14	3	(1)	3	173	(44)	84	4	
Leigh Bromby	02.06.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	(11)	1		
Michael Brown	25.01.77	8	(4)	1	4	(1)	-	34	(9)	2	6	
Sam Bryam	16.09.93	22	(2)	1	4		1	26	(2)	2	2	
Alex Cairns	04.01.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-		
Paul Connolly	29.09.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	(5)	-	2*	
El-Hadji Diouf	15.01.81	19	(4)	4	4	(1)	1	23	(5)	5	2	
Adam Drury	29.08.78	9		-	1		-	10		-	2	
Andy Gray	15.11.77	-	(7)	1	1	(1)	-	18	(20)	1		
Paul Green	10.04.83	11		4	2		-	13		4	2	
Ryan Hall	04.01.88	2	(3)	-	-		-	2	(3)	-	1*	
Patrick Kenny	17.05.78	24		-	1		-	25		-		
Patrick Kisnorbo	21.03.81	-	-	-	1		-	53	(4)	1		
Tom Lees	28.11.90	21	(2)	1	4		1	68	(4)	4	2	
Ross McCormack	18.08.86	7	(4)	1	1	(1)	1	59	(24)	23		
David Norris	22.02.81	13	(3)	2	1	(1)	1	14	(4)	3	3	
Ramon Nunez	14.11.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	(16)	5		
Jason Pearce	06.12.87	16	(2)	-	5		-	21	(2)	-	4	1
Lee Peltier	11.12.86	22		-	3	(1)	-	25	(1)	-	3	
Dominic Poleon	07.09.93	1	(4)	1	-	(2)	-	1	(6)	1		
Danny Pugh	19.10.82	1	(3)	-	1	(1)	-	74	(24)	8	1	
Paul Rachubka	21.05.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	(1)	-		
Robbie Rogers	12.05.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	(3)	-		
Davide Somma	26.03.85	-	(2)	1	-		-	13	(22)	13		
Alan Tate	02.09.82	7		-	-		-	7		-		
Charlie Taylor	18.09.93	-	-	-	-		-	2	(2)	-		
Michael Tonge	07.04.83	18	(1)	4	3		1	21	(1)	5	3	
Jerome Thomas	23.03.83	6		1	1		-	7		1		
Zac Thompson	05.01.93	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	8	(3)	-		
Luke Varney	28.09.82	9	(6)	-	2		1	11	(6)	1	4	1
Aidan White	10.10.91	10	(5)	-	4	(1)	1	68	(19)	1	4	

Player's name in grey = out on loan. * = total includes bookings while playing for other clubs this season.



↑ Luciano Becchio's double saw off Middlesbrough.



2012/13

MATCH DETAILS

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, RESULTS AND LINE-UPS...

GK = Goalkeeper **RB** = Right Back **LB** = Left Back **CB** = Centre Back
RM = Right Midfield **CM** = Centre Midfield **LM** = Left Midfield **ST** = Striker
ST etc in italics = player substituted **S16** = Sub used and number of player replaced
U = Unused Sub  = Yellow Card  = Red Card ^c = match captain
 PLAYER'S NUMBER IN GREEN = Goalkeeper
 PLAYER'S NAME IN GREY = Out on loan or left the club
FAC = FA Cup **COC** = Capital One Cup *Denotes away ticket allocation sold-out.

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	F-A	ATT	AWAY	GOALSCORERS (TIMES)	LEEDS GOALS IN BLUE
Sat Aug 11	Shrewsbury Town COC1	H	4-0	18,194	1,300	Becchio (20) Varney (26) Norris (65) McCormack pen (69)	
Sat Aug 18	Wolves 12.45pm	H	1-0	23,745	1,541	Becchio (17)	
Tue Aug 21	Blackpool 8pm	A	1-2	14,315	*1,700	Lees (16) Dicko (75) M Phillips (80)	
Sat Aug 25	Peterborough Utd	A	2-1	10,432	3,800	Becchio (7) Becchio (50) Bostwick (73)	
Tue Aug 28	Oxford United COC2	H	3-0	13,713	910	Austin (26) Byram (34) Lees (74)	
Sat Sep 1	Blackburn Rovers	H	3-3	24,411	1,416	Olsson (19) Nuno Gomes (26) Diouf (43) McCormack (57) Becchio (65) Rochina (84)	
Sat Sep 15	Cardiff City	A	1-2	23,836	1,800	Bellamy (66) Whittingham pen (71) Austin (76)	
Tue Sep 18	Hull City	H	2-3	19,750	1,900	Becchio pen (7) Elmohamady (23) Faye (29) Koren (76) Gray (90+2)	
Sat Sep 22	Nottingham Forest	H	2-1	24,292	2,448	Becchio (14) Poleon (26) Blackstock (59)	
Tue Sep 25	Everton COC3	H	2-1	21,164	4,989	White (4) Austin (68) Distin (81)	
Sat Sep 29	Bristol City	A	3-2	15,692	*1,959	Diouf (64) Adomah (70) Diouf (81) Tonge (83) Austin og (90+3)	
Tue Oct 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	2-2	21,255	4,004	K Davies (14) Byram (44) Becchio pen (50) K Davies (79)	
Sat Oct 6	Barnsley	H	1-0	22,569	1,000	Becchio pen (42)	
Fri Oct 19	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1-1	28,582	*5,300	Bothroyd (43) Tonge (77)	
Tue Oct 23	Charlton Athletic	H	1-1	17,484	360	Norris (37) Dervite (50)	
Sat Oct 27	Birmingham City	H	0-1	22,152	1,400	Lita (75)	
Tue Oct 30	Southampton COC4	H	3-0	17,002	655	Tonge (34) Diouf (88) Becchio pen (90+3)	
Fri Nov 2	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-2	26,402	*2,062	Mackail-Smith pen (16) Diouf pen (37) Mackail-Smith (48) Brown (66)	
Tue Nov 6	Burnley	A	0-1	14,470	2,516	Austin (83)	
Sat Nov 10	Watford	H	1-6	19,104	680	Vydra (28) Vydra (83) Abdi (61) Yeates (75) Tonge pen (80) Murray (90+8) Deeney (90+9)	
Sun Nov 18	Millwall 1.15pm	A	0-1	13,117	1,899	Wood (85)	
Sat Nov 24	Crystal Palace	H	2-1	20,964	1,362	Becchio (52) Green (76) Ramage (86)	
Tue Nov 27	Leicester City	H	1-0	17,717	901	Becchio pen (3)	
Sat Dec 1	Huddersfield T 12.30pm	A	4-2	20,372	*3,899	Atkinson (12) Tonge (35) Becchio (37) Clayton pen (43) Norris (70) Becchio (86)	
Sat Dec 8	Derby County 1pm	A	1-3	25,034	3,491	Sammon (15) Green (45) Buxton (66) Davies (90+4)	
Sat Dec 15	Ipswich Town	H	2-0	19,185	503	Thomas (19) Green (68)	
Wed Dec 19	Chelsea COC5	H	1-5	33,816	3,000	Becchio (37) Mata (46) Ivanovic (65) Moses (66) Hazard (81) Torres (83)	
Sat Dec 22	Middlesbrough	H	2-1	25,406	3,000	Jutkiewicz (30) Becchio (45) Becchio (73)	
Wed Dec 26	Nottingham Forest 12.15pm	A	2-4	26,670	3,235	Green (12) Sharp pen (44), Sharp (55), Austin og (57), Blackstock (61) Somma (90)	
Sat Dec 29	Hull City 12.30pm	A					
Tue Jan 1	Bolton Wanderers	H					
Sat Jan 5	Birmingham City FAC3	H					
Sat Jan 12	Barnsley	A					
Sat Jan 19	Bristol City	H					
Sat Jan 26	Middlesbrough	A					
Sat Feb 2	Cardiff City 12.30pm	H					
Sat Feb 9	Wolves	A					
Sat Feb 16	Peterborough United	H					
Tue Feb 19	Blackpool	H					
Sat Feb 23	Blackburn Rovers	A					
Sat Mar 2	Millwall 12.30pm	H					
Tue Mar 5	Leicester City	A					
Sat Mar 9	Crystal Palace	A					
Sat Mar 16	Huddersfield T 12.30pm	H					
Sat Mar 30	Ipswich Town	A					
Mon Apr 1	Derby County	H					
Sat Apr 6	Charlton Athletic	A					
Sat Apr 13	Sheffield Weds 12.30pm	H					
Tue Apr 16	Burnley	H					
Sat Apr 20	Birmingham City	A					
Sat Apr 27	Brighton & Hove Albion	H					
Sat May 4	Watford	A					

All weekend and Bank Holiday kick-off times are 3pm. Midweek kick-off times are 7.45pm unless otherwise stated. Copyright © and Database Right 2012 The Football Association Premier League Ltd / The Football League Ltd / PA Sport UK Limited. All rights reserved. Please be aware that fixtures are always subject to change.

Paddy KENNY	Lee PELTIER	Adam DRURY	Tom LEES	Jason PEARCE	Patrick KISNORBO	Paul GREEN	Rodolph AUSTIN	Jerome THOMAS	Luciano BECCHIO	Luke VARNEY	Jamie ASHDOWN		Aidan WHITE	Alan TATE	Danny PUGH	Michael BROWN	Michael TONGE	David NORRIS	Andy GRAY	El-Hadji DIOUF	Robbie ROGERS	Zac THOMPSON	Paul CONNOLLY	Sam BYRAM	Dominic POLEON	Sanchez PAYNE	Davide SOMMA	Ryan HALL	Paul RACHUBKA	Chris DAWSON	Ross MCCORMACK
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	31	32	44
GK	CB	U		CB	U	RM	CM		ST	LM	U		LB			S11		CM ^C	U	S44				RB	S7						ST
GK	CB ^C	U	S44	CB	U	RM	CM		ST	LM	U		LB			U		CM	U	S7				RB							ST
GK	LB ^C	U	CB	CB	U		CM		ST	LM	U		RM		S14	U		CM	U	S44				RB							ST
GK	RB ^C	LB	CB	CB	U		CM		ST	LM	U		U			U		CM	S10	RM				S21	S44						ST
U	S25	LB	RB	CB ^C	CB		CM		U	U	GK		LM			CM			ST	ST		S8		RM	S21						U
GK	RB ^C	LB	CB	CB	U		CM		ST	LM	U		U			U		CM	U	RM				S11	U						ST
GK	RB ^C	LB	CB	CB	U		CM		ST	S44	U		LM			U	CM		U	S3				RM	S11						ST
GK	RB ^C		CB	CB	U		CM		ST	LM	U		LB		U	U	CM		S11	ST		U		RM	S10						
GK	CB ^C	LB	RB	CB	U		CM		ST	S2	U		S26			U	CM		S10	RM				LM	ST	U					
		U	CB	CB ^C	U		CM		ST	U	GK		LB		LM	RM	CM		U	ST		U		RB	U				U		
GK	LB ^C	U	CB	CB			CM		ST	U	U		RM		U	CM	LM	U	S10	ST				RB	U						
GK	RB	LB	CB	CB			CM		ST	U	U		U			CM	LM	U	U	ST ^C		U		RM	U						
GK	RB ^C	U	CB	CB		U	CM		ST	U	U		LB			CM	LM	S18	S10	ST				RM	U						
GK	RB ^C	U	CB	CB		U	CM		ST	S2	U		LB			CM	CM	S8	U	ST				LM				U			
GK		LB	CB	CB ^C	U	RM			ST	LM	U		S7		U	CM	S11	CM	S10	ST				RB				U			
GK	CB ^C	U	RB	CB		U	CM		ST		U		S4		LB	U	LM	CM	U	ST				RM				S19			
U	RB ^C	U	CB	CB		U	CM		S11	ST	GK		LB		S2	CM	LM	U	S21	ST				RM							
GK	LB ^C		CB	CB		U	CM		S11	ST	U		RM		S4	CM	LM	S21	U	ST				RB				U			
GK	CB ^C	LB		CB	U	U	CM		ST	S14	U		RM		S3	CM	LM	U	U	ST				RB							
GK	CB ^C		S7	CB	U	CB	CM		U	ST	U		LM			S21	CM	CM		ST				RM				S14		U	
GK	CB ^C	LB	CB		U	CM			ST	LM	U		U		U		CM	U	U	ST				RB				RM			S30
GK	LB ^C		CB			CM		RM	ST		U		U	CB		S26	LM	CM	U	ST				RB	S9			U			S21
GK	LB ^C	U	CB			CM		RM	ST		U		U	CB		S9	LM	CM	U	ST				RB				U			U
GK	LB ^C		CB	U		RM		LM	ST		U		U	CB		S18	CM	CM	S10	U				RB				S9			ST
GK	LB		CB	U		RM ^C			ST	S30	U		S19	CB		U	CM	CM	U	S44				RB				LM			ST
GK	LB ^C		CB	U		RM		LM	ST	S10	U		U	CB		S9	CM	CM		ST				RB				U			S21
U	LB ^C		CB	CB		RM		LM	ST	U	GK		S9			CM	CM	S17	U	ST				RB			U				S21
GK	LB ^C		CB	S2		RM		LM	ST	U	U		S7	CB		U	CM	CM		ST				RB			S9				U
GK		LB	CB	S8		RM ^C	CM	LM	ST	U	U		U	CB		CM		U		ST				RB			S21				S25



Davide Somma made his first appearance of the season in the last home game – then scored at Forest.



LEEDS UNITED

MATCH OFFICIALS

Fourth Official: **Kevin Mattocks**

RESULT

Att.

Man of the Match

BOLTON WANDERERS

Started	Sub	Goals		
---------	-----	-------	---	---

The Mathias Family from Mirfield

Prediction: 3-0 to Leeds



Kick off your career in the sports industry!



What's Your Goal?

Work experience competitions brought to you by npower and The Football League Trust.

If you're in year 10 or 11 you now have the opportunity to win a fantastic 4 day work experience placement at your local Football League club during the 2013 Easter holidays.

For those of you in years 7 to 11 enter our competition in January for your chance to spend a day with one of 11 amazing mentors from the world of football.

Competitions close on Friday 1st March 2013 - so don't delay!

Visit **npower.com/whatsyourgoal**



NEW FOR
2012/13

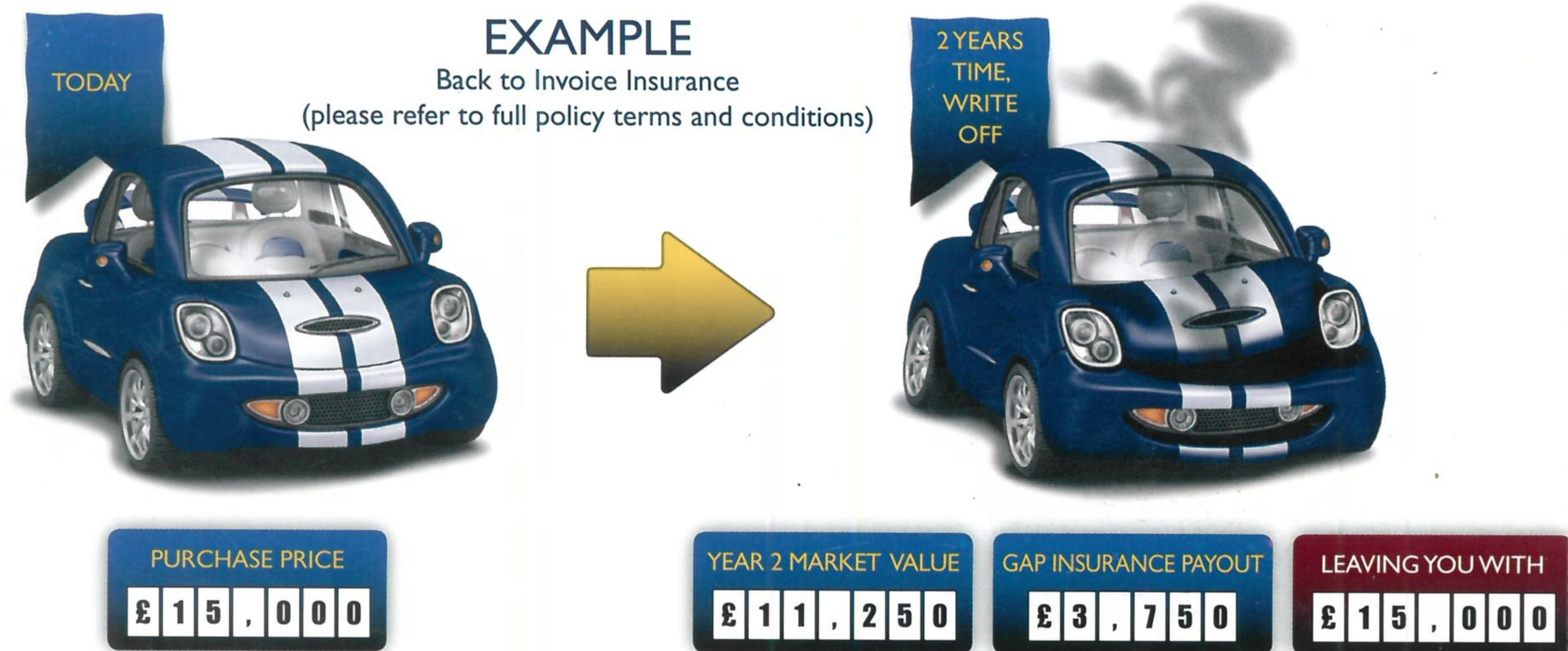
NO LONG TERM CONTRACT GAP INSURANCE

Did you know that GAP Insurance covers the depreciating value of your vehicle, should you be unfortunate enough to suffer an insurance write off due to Accidental Damage, Fire or Theft.

SO WHY DO I NEED IT?

Most of us think our comprehensive motor insurance covers us if our vehicle is written off ...**THINK AGAIN!**

As your vehicle ages it's value naturally depreciates and, in the event of a write off, your insurance company will only pay out the current market value.



PAY AS YOU GO
FROM ONLY

£9.95 PER MONTH

PURCHASE NOW AT lufcinsuranceservices.com

LUFCONSURANCESERVICES.COM



LEEDS UNITED
INSURANCE SERVICES

Leeds United Insurance Services is a trading style of Leeds United Financial Services Limited. Leeds United Financial Services Limited is an Appointed Representative of Motorway Direct Plc, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) under registered number 311741.